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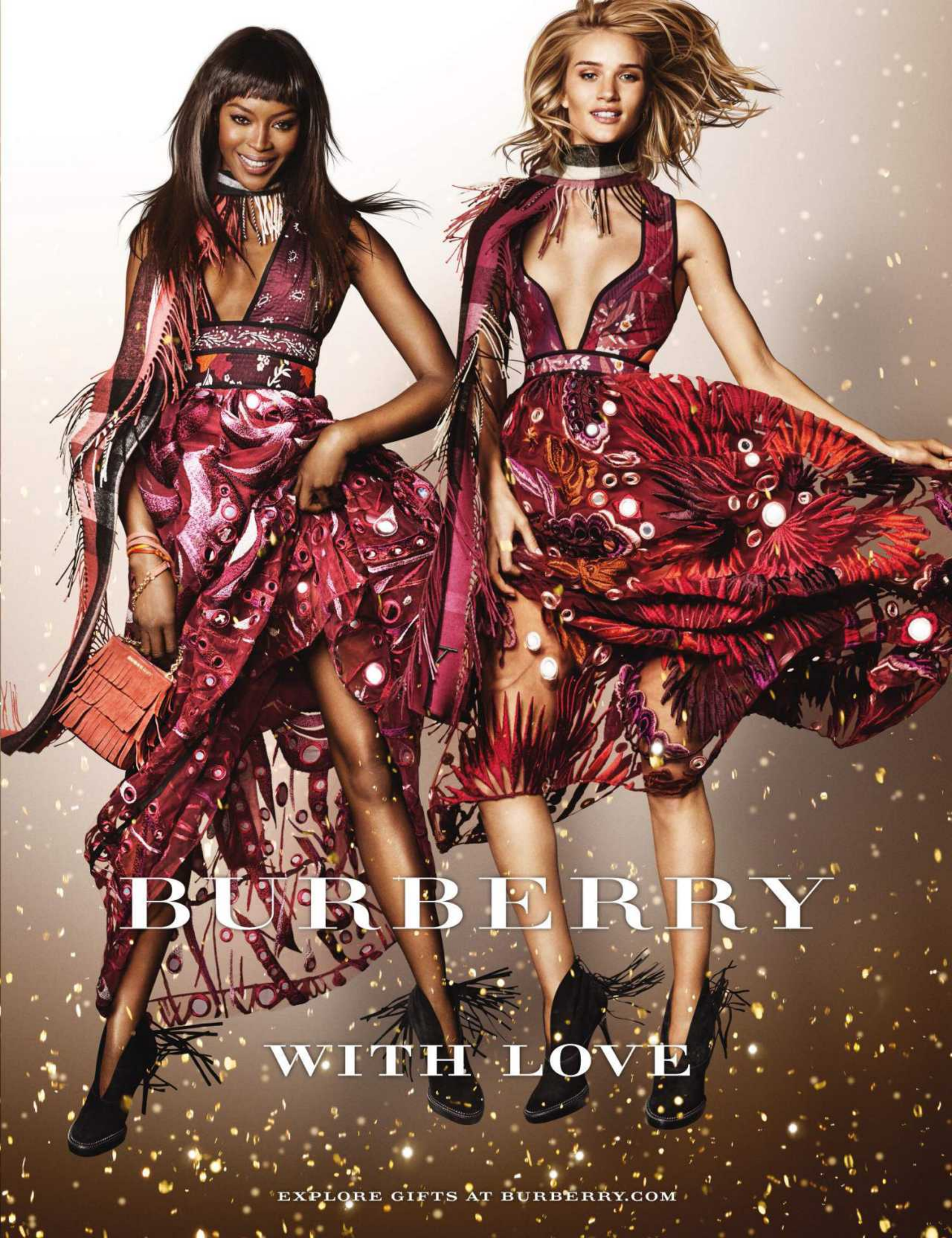
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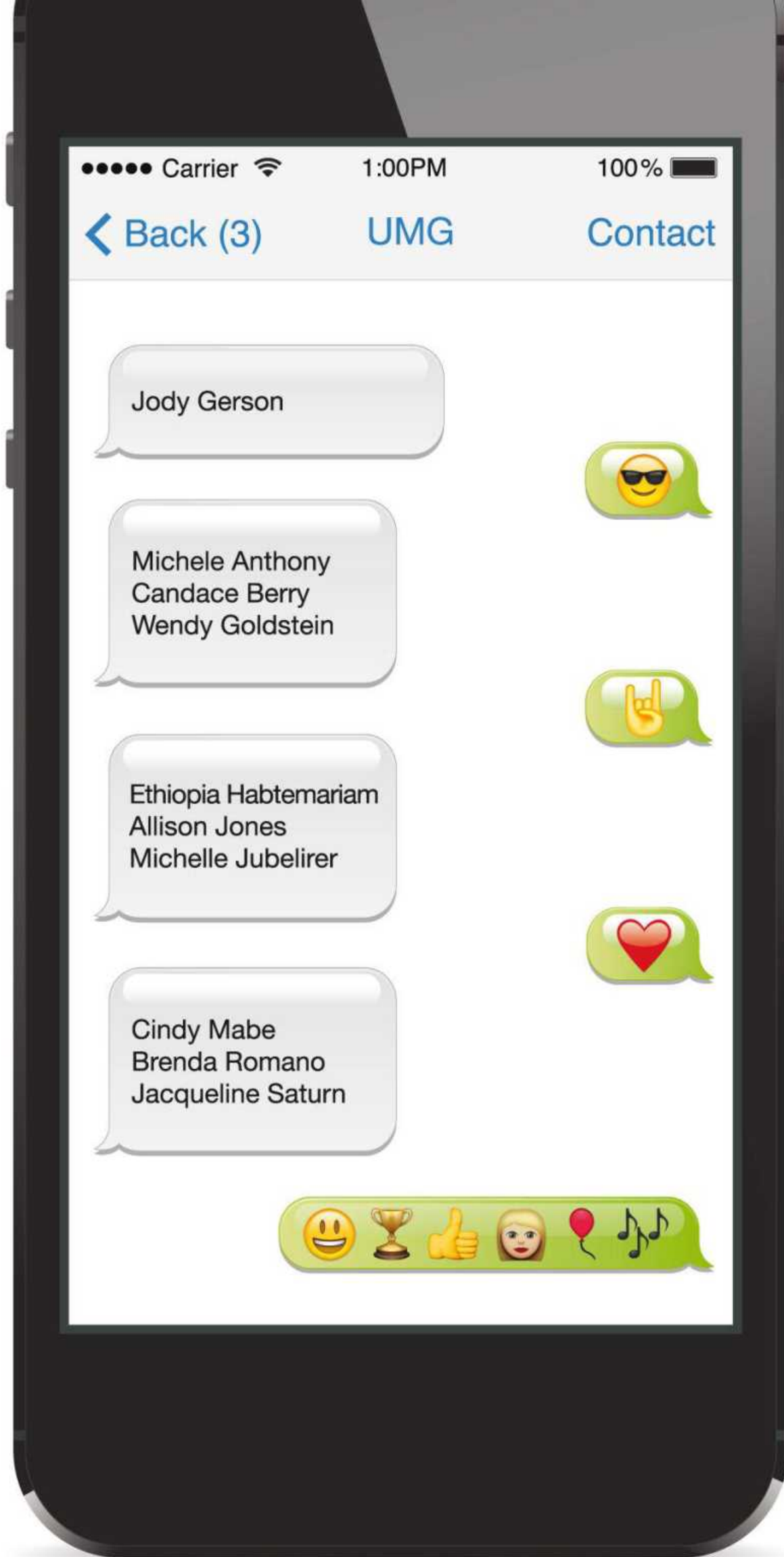


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You Had Us At ‘Hello’: Adele’s Single Is Breaking Records Too

AS **BILLBOARD** CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS of women in music, **Adele** continues to shatter chart records — and not just because her third XL/Columbia studio album, *25*, released Nov. 20, sold an astonishing 3.38 million copies its first week, and is now on its way to 4 million, according to Nielsen Music (see stories, pages 21 and 118). *25*’s smash lead single “Hello,” which rules the **Billboard** Hot 100 for a fifth week, is making its own history: The song notches an unprecedented fifth week of more than 30 million U.S. streams, passing **Baauer**’s “Harlem Shake,” which hit that benchmark for four weeks in 2013 — an ironic achievement considering that the rest of *25* is not available on streaming services. “Hello” logged 35.5 million domestic streams (up 2 percent) in the week ending Nov. 26, with 59 percent from Vevo on YouTube, and rules the Streaming Songs chart for a fifth week. “Hello” also crowns Radio Songs for a third week with 163 million all-format audience impressions, after becoming the fastest-rising No. 1 on the list in 22 years. Meanwhile, four other tracks from *25* debut on the Hot 100: “When We Were Young” (No. 22), “Water Under the Bridge” (No. 70), “Send My Love (To Your New Lover)” (No. 79) and “Remedy” (No. 87).

—GARY TRUST

2 Weeks Ago	Last Week	This Week	Title	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	Peak Position	Weeks On Chart
1	1	1	  Hello G.KURSTIN (A.ADKINS,G.KURSTIN)	Adele XL/COLUMBIA	1	5	
3	2	2	 Sorry BLOOD,SKRILLEX (J.BIEBER,J.MICHAELS,J.TRANTER,M.TUCKER,S.MOORE)	Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	2	5	
2	3	3	Hotline Bling NINETEEN85 (A.GRAHAM,P.JEFFERIES,T.THOMAS)	Drake YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	2	17	
6	5	4	What Do You Mean? ▲ MDL,J.BIEBER (J.BIEBER,J.BOYD,M.LEVY)	Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	1	13	
4	6	5	The Hills ▲ MANO,ILLANGELO (A.TESFAYE,A.BALSHE,E.NICKERSON,ILLANGELO)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	1	27	
5	7	6	Stitches ▲ DAYLIGHT,J.T.GEIGER II,D.PARKER (D.PARKER,J.T.GEIGER II,D.KYRIAKIDES)	Shawn Mendes ISLAND/REPUBLIC	4	27	
-	4	7	Love Yourself BENNY BLANCO (E.C.SHEERAN,B.LEVIN,J.BIEBER)	Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	4	2	
9	11	8	Like I'm Gonna Lose You ▲ C.GELBUDA,M.TRAINOR (M.TRAINOR,J.WEAVER,C.SMITH)	Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend EPIC	8	21	
7	8	9	679 PEOPLES (W.J.MAXWELL,A.COSMIE JR.,L.POPE,B.GARCIA)	Fetty Wap Feat. Remy Boyz RGF/300	4	22	
11	10	10	Here ● POPOAKWUD,S.KOLE (A.CARACCIOLO,A.WANSEL,W.FELDER,CTILLMAN,J.HAYES,ST.GERONGCO,RT.GERONGCO,LTAM)	Alessia Cara EP/DEF JAM	10	17	

Adele on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* on Nov. 23.

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DAN & SHAY
Nothin' Like You

Country duo Dan Smyers (left), 28, and Shay Mooney, 23

"Nothin' Like You" is the third single from your 2014 album, *Where It All Began*. What made you choose to release it?

SMYERS On the road, the response was unanimous: They sing it loudest. On social media, fans were like, "It's my favorite." Or, "I got the lyrics tattooed on my arm." We were like, "We're going to listen to those people."

The video starts with you trying to remember the night before and ends with you playfully wrestling dogs. That's certainly a unique approach.

SMYERS Animal rescue is close to our hearts, and we were trying to figure out how to do a video where we could feature adoptable dogs. We were like, "How could we get to the place where we accidentally acquire this dog? Ah, the Academy of Country Music Awards — perfect!" It's like *The Hangover*: We don't know what happened the night before, but we ended up with this dog. We got 42 dogs adopted from the video.

Shay, you used to be a solo act on T-Pain's record label. Does that R&B past affect your country present?

MOONEY I take everything I learned from R&B, the melodies, and the amazing country heritage of telling stories, and combine those. The better the melody, the better the story comes across.

—JEWELY HIGHT

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MARK RONSON
FEATURING
BRUNO MARS
Uptown Funk!

The former 14-week No. 1 rises by 15 percent to 8.5 million U.S. streams, powered by upticks in user-generated clips featuring classic movie dance scenes set to the song's audio.

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14	13	11	Same Old Love	STARGATE BENNY BLANCO (T.E. HERMANSEN, M.S. ERIKSEN, B. LEVINE, C. AITCHISON, R. GOLAN)	Selena Gomez	INTERSCOPE	11	11
10	12	12	Ex's & Oh's	D. BASSETT (ELLE KING, D. BASSETT)	Elle King	RCA	10	21
8	9	13	Wildest Dreams	MAX MARTIN, SHELLBACK (T. SWIFT, MAX MARTIN, SHELLBACK)	Taylor Swift	BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	5	14
18	18	14	SG Watch Me	BOLO DA PRODUCER (T.B. MINGO, R.L. HAWK)	Silento	BOLO/CAPITOL	3	40
15	15	15	On My Mind	MAX MARTIN (ELLIE GOULDING, MAX MARTIN, SKOTCHDOPOLE, SALMANZADEH)	Ellie Goulding	CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	15	10
13	14	16	Focus	MAX MARTIN, JULIA (SKOTCHDOPOLE, P. SVENSSON, J. SALMANZADEH, A. GRANDE)	Ariana Grande	REPUBLIC	7	4
12	17	17	Can't Feel My Face	A. PAYAM, MAX MARTIN (A. TESFAYE, MAX MARTIN, SKOTCHDOPOLE, P. SVENSSON, A. PAYAM)	The Weeknd	XO/REPUBLIC	1	25
16	16	18	Jumpman	METRO BOOMIN (N. D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. GRAHAM)	Drake & Future	A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	12	10
19	21	19	Lean On	DI. SNAKE, DIPLO (S. GUESS, K. MORSTED, W. S. E. GRIGAL, H. C. INET, V. PENTZ, J. MECKSEPER)	Major Lazer & DJ Snake	MAD DECENT	4	34
24	23	20	Antidote	WONDA GURLEY, STEPHEN LEE, J. WILSON, E. C. SHUNNINDE, B. VAN MIERLO, T. BRENNER, C. GUT, L. MICHELS, N. MOVSON, H. STEINWISS	Travis Scott	GRAND/HUSTLE/EPIC	20	12

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36	24	21	Uptown Funk!	M. RONSON, L. HASKER, BRUNO MARS (M. D. RONSON, L. HASKER, BRUNO MARS, P. M. LAWRENCE, L. SIMMONS, K. WILSON, C. WILSON, J. TAYLOR, K. WILSON, D. C. GALLASPY, N. J. WILLIAMS)	Mark Ronson Feat. Bruno Mars	RCA	1	55
HOT SHOT DEBUT		22	When We Were Young	A. RECHTSCHAID (A. ADKINS, T. JESSO, JR.)	Adele	XL/COLUMBIA	22	1
23	27	23	Hit The Quan	BUCK NASTY (R. M. COLBERT, R. C. M. WILLIAMS)	iLoveMemphis	PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS	15	15
17	20	24	Locked Away	DR. LUKE, CIRKUT (T. THOMAS, T. THOMAS, L. GOTTWALD, H. WALTER, T. TENNILLE)	R. City Feat. Adam Levine	KEMOSABE/RCA	6	19
28	28	25	White Iverson	POST MALONE (A. POST, T. M. ROBERTS)	Post Malone	REPUBLIC	25	12
22	29	26	Trap Queen	T. FADD (W. J. MAXWELL, T. FADD)	Fetty Wap	RGF/300	2	45
40	37	27	Perfect	J. BUNETTA, J. SHATKIN, AFTERHRS (H. STYLES, L. TOMLINSON, J. BUNETTA, J. K. HINDLIN, J. RYAN, J. SHATKIN, M. J. MCDONALD)	One Direction	SYCO/COLUMBIA	10	6
32	36	28	Confident	MAX MARTIN, JULIA (MAX MARTIN, SKOTCHDOPOLE, SALMANZADEH, D. LOVATO)	Demi Lovato	SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	28	8
25	25	29	Die A Happy Man	D. HUFF, I. FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT, S. DOUGLAS, JOE LONDON)	Thomas Rhett	VALORY	25	10
29	40	30	Drag Me Down	J. BUNETTA, J. RYAN (J. SCOTT, J. RYAN, J. BUNETTA)	One Direction	SYCO/COLUMBIA	3	17
27	19	31	I'll Show You	SKILLIX, BLOOD (J. BIEBER, J. GUDWIN, S. MOORE, J. TUCKER, J. JOHNSON)	Justin Bieber	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	19	4
49	34	32	Where Are U Now	SKILLIX, DIPLO (S. MOORE, T. W. PENTZ, J. BIEBER, J. BOYD, K. RUBIN, J. VARE)	Skillet & Diplo With Justin Bieber	MAD DECENT/OWSLA/ATLANTIC	8	39
42	38	33	Don't	DOPE BOY (BUTLER, J. B. STEWART, HOLLINS, JR., M. CAREY, J. D. PUBL, M. COX, J. AUSTIN)	Bryson Tiller	TRAPSOUL/RCA	33	9
31	35	34	Where Ya At	METRO BOOMIN (N. D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. GRAHAM)	Future Feat. Drake	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	28	19
35	39	35	My Way	NICK E BEATS (W. J. MAXWELL, A. COSME JR., D. EAGLES)	Fetty Wap Feat. Monty	RGF/300	7	21
33	41	36	See You Again	DI. FRANK, C. PUTH, A. CEDAR (J. FRANKS, A. CEDAR, C. THOMAS, C. PUTH)	Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth	UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/RRP	1	38
57	51	37	Say It	POPTORO (J. PETERSON, A. WANSLEY, A. WHITEFIELD, D. HALL, J. GILBERT, C. CHAMBERS)	Tory Lanez	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	37	6
21	26	38	Renegades	ALEX DA KID (A. GRANT, S. N. HARRIS, N. FELD, S. H. H. HARRIS, A. LEVIN)	X Ambassadors	KID IN A KORN/INTERSCOPE	17	33
43	44	39	Break Up In A Small Town	Z. CROWELL, S. MCANALLY (S. HUNT, Z. CROWELL, S. MCANALLY)	Sam Hunt	MCA NASHVILLE	39	8
26	32	40	Good For You	N. MONSON, S. NOLAN, A. S. ROCKY, H. DE GADO (J. MICHAELS, J. R. ANTER, J. MONSON, L. A. BROZA, R. A. MATERS, H. DE GADO, S. GOMEZ)	Selena Gomez Feat. A\$AP Rocky	INTERSCOPE	5	23
44	33	41	I'm Comin' Over	C. CROWDER, C. YOUNG (C. YOUNG, C. CROWDER, J. HOGE)	Chris Young	RCA NASHVILLE	33	22
41	45	42	Again	PEOPLES, SHY BOOGS (W. J. MAXWELL, B. GARCIA, E. J. TIMMONS)	Fetty Wap	RGF/300	33	16
34	47	43	Cheerleader	C. COLLON, O. P. ASLEY (O. P. ASLEY, C. COLLON, M. BRAD, F. C. D. S. DUNBAR, J. COLLON)	OMI	LOUDER THAN LIFE/ULTRA/COLUMBIA	1	32
50	52	44	No Role Modelz	D. BARNES (J. COLE, D. BARNES, M. W. WHITE, M. P. B. REGARD, J. HOUSTON, S. STEVENS, E. STEVENS, D. STEVENS, J. BONES)	J. Cole	DREAMVILLE/ROCNATION/COLUMBIA	44	15
61	59	45	Bet You Can't Do It Like Me	NUN MAJOR (D. SIMMONS)	DLOW	DLOW	45	3
-	31	46	The Feeling	SKILLIX, J. KIRKPATRICK (J. BIEBER, J. MICHAELS, C. COFFEE, R. ST. HUDSON, S. MOORE, J. KIRKPATRICK)	Justin Bieber Feat. Halsey	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	31	2
54	55	47	Back Up	ROCKSAYS (D. M. TRIMBLE, K. A. ADAMS, S. M. ANDERSON, C. GOSBERRY)	DeJ Loaf Feat. Big Sean	IBGM/COLUMBIA	47	8
37	46	48	Photograph	J. BHASKER (E. C. SHEERAN, J. MCDAID)	Ed Sheeran	ATLANTIC	10	29
51	58	49	Burning House	J. BHASKER, T. JOHNSON (C. OCHST, T. JOHNSON, J. BHASKER)	Cam	ARISTA NASHVILLE	49	20
48	50	50	Lay It All On Me	RUDIMENTAL (A. AMOR, K. D. DYDEN, P. AGGETT, L. ROLLE, J. NEWMAN, J. HARRIS, E. C. SHEERAN)	Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran	MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	48	8

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The week's most popular current songs across all genres, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen BDS, sales data as compiled by Nielsen SoundScan and streaming activity data by online music sources tracked by Nielsen BDS. Songs are defined as current if they are newly released titles, or songs receiving widespread airplay and/or sales activity for the first time. See charts legend on Billboard.com for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc. All rights reserved.

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2 Weeks Ago	Last Week	This Week	Title	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Peak Position	Weeks on Chart
(64)	(62)	51	Roses	THE CHAINSMOKERS [A.TAGGART,E.MENCEL]	The Chainsmokers	DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	51	6
38	48	52	How Deep Is Your Love	FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	Calvin Harris & Disciples		27	19
(55)	72	53	Adventure Of A Lifetime	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Coldplay		53	3
-	(86)	54	In The Night	XIO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd		54	3
-	(97)	55	I Know What You Did Last Summer	ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes & Camila Cabello		55	2
30	57	56	Downtown	MACLEMORE/WARNER BROS.	Macklemore & Ryan Lewis		12	14
(69)	(69)	57	Stressed Out	FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	twenty one pilots		57	10
(62)	(60)	58	Nothin' Like You	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WAR	Dan + Shay		58	16
46	56	59	Smoke Break	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	Carrie Underwood		43	14
-	(42)	60	Mark My Words	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		42	2
(71)	(75)	61	Hide Away	ARTBEATZ	Daya		61	10
-	(43)	62	Purpose	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		43	2
(59)	61	63	Gonna	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	Blake Shelton		59	11
58	65	64	Come Get Her	FAIRBURN/INTERSCOPE	Rae Sremmurd		56	11
52	70	65	Strip It Down	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	Luke Bryan		30	17
(66)	(71)	66	The Fix	RECORDS	Nelly		66	9
56	68	67	Back To Back	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake		21	17
(74)	(73)	68	Gonna Know We Were Here	BROKEN BOW	Jason Aldean		63	7
(72)	(77)	69	Stay A Little Longer	EMI NASHVILLE	Brothers Osborne		69	8
NEW		70	Water Under The Bridge	XL/COLUMBIA	Adele		70	1
(76)	(78)	71	Exchange	TRAPSOUL/RCA	Bryson Tiller		71	5
(91)	(22)	72	WTF (Where They From)	THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC	Missy Elliott		22	3
-	(53)	73	Company	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		53	2
-	(49)	74	No Pressure	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		49	2
(70)	76	75	Big Rings	A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	Drake & Future		52	10
(63)	(63)	76	Blase	ATLANTIC	Ty Dolla \$ign		63	11
RE-ENTRY		77	Used To Love You	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	Gwen Stefani		77	2
-	(54)	78	No Sense	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		54	2
NEW		79	Send My Love (To Your New Lover)	XL/COLUMBIA	Adele		79	1
(20)	66	80	Tennessee Whiskey	MERCURY NASHVILLE	Chris Stapleton		20	4



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JUSTIN BIEBER
Sorry

Justin Bieber's closing set at the Nov. 22 American Music Awards sparks gains, as "Sorry" crowns Digital Songs (5-1). The track, which is No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100, soars by 117 percent to 178,000 sold, according to Nielsen Music. Bieber sang "Sorry," along with "Where Are U Now" and "What Do You Mean?," on the show. Other tracks that surged in sales thanks to AMA performances: Meghan Trainor's "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" (No. 8 on the Hot 100; up 32 percent to 84,000) and Selena Gomez's "Same Old Love" (No. 11; 81,000; up 74 percent). —G.T.


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(77)	(82)	81	I Got The Boy	S.HENDRICKS,T.NICHOLS,C.HARRINGTON,J.L.SPEARS	Jana Kramer	ELKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	77	7
(80)	(85)	82	Top Of The World	B.GALLIMORE,T.MCGRAW,J.J.ROBBINS,J.M.NITE,J.OSBORNE	Tim McGraw	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE	80	7
(96)	(99)	83	My House	J.CARLSSON,T.DILLARD,J.CARLSSON,R.GOLAN,M.D.BORRERO,R.HAMMOND	Flo Rida	POE BOY/ATLANTIC	83	3
68	79	84	Liquor	A.STITH,THE AQUARIUS [C.M.BROWN,A.STITH,Q.SAMPSON]	Chris Brown	RCA	60	13
89	(89)	85	Me, Myself & I	M.KEENAN,C.ANDERSSON [G.GILLUM,M.KEENAN,C.ANDERSSON,B.REXHA]	G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha	G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	83	4
(86)	93	86	Cake By The Ocean	M.LARSSON,R.FREDRIKSSON [R.FREDRIKSSON,M.LARSSON,L.TRANTER,LJONAS]	DNCE	REPUBLIC	79	6
NEW		87	Remedy	R.B.TEDDER [A.ADKINS,R.B.TEDDER]	Adele	XL/COLUMBIA	87	1
(90)	(92)	88	I Love This Life	L.RIMES,P.BRUST,C.LUCAS [D.MYRICK,C.JANSON,C.LUCAS,P.BRUST]	LoCash	REVIVER	88	5
-	(67)	89	Life Is Worth Living	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber		67	2
(60)	80	90	Let Me See Ya Girl	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	Cole Swindell		59	17
RE-ENTRY		91	Stand By You	COLUMBIA	Rachel Platten		91	2
78	91	92	Right Hand	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake		58	11
67	84	93	Love Myself	REPUBLIC	Hailee Steinfeld		30	16
RE-ENTRY		94	Dibs	BLACK RIVER	Kelsea Ballerini		90	4
RE-ENTRY		95	Ginza	CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	J Balvin		84	11
(84)	95	96	RGF Island	RGF/300	Fetty Wap		57	10
NEW		97	Home Alone Tonight	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	Luke Bryan		97	1
NEW		98	Best Friend	300/ATLANTIC	Young Thug		98	1
RE-ENTRY		99	Play No Games	GOOD/DEF JAM	Big Sean		84	4
NEW		100	Rich Sex	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	Future		100	1



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TORY LANEZ
Say It

The Canadian R&B newcomer tallies his first top 40 Hot 100 hit as the track grows by 22 percent to 5.2 million U.S. streams.



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DAYA
Hide Away

Daya, 17, reaches Mainstream Top 40's top 20 (21-18). KFRH Las Vegas, KREV San Francisco and SiriusXM's Hits 1 have each played her debut hit more than 1,000 times.

THE WEEK'S MOST POPULAR CURRENT SONGS ACROSS ALL GENRES, RANKED BY RADIO AIRPLAY AUDIENCE IMPRESSIONS AS MEASURED BY NIELSEN SOUNDSCAN AND STREAMING ACTIVITY DATA BY ONLINE MUSIC SOURCES. TRACKED BY NIELSEN BDS. SONGS ARE DEFINED AS CURRENT IF THEY ARE NEWLY RELEASED TITLES, OR SONGS RECEIVING WIDESPREAD AIRPLAY AND/OR SALES ACTIVITY FOR THE FIRST TIME. SEE CHARTS LEGEND ON BILLBOARD.COM FOR COMPLETE RULES AND EXPLANATIONS. © 2015, PROMOTED BY GLOBAL MEDIA, LLC AND NIELSEN SOUNDSCAN, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

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From top, left to right: Women in Music honorees Jody Gerson, Missy Elliott, Lana Del Rey, Brittany Howard, Selena Gomez, Tori Kelly, Demi Lovato, Kelsea Ballerini, Fifth Harmony and Loretta Lynn.

A WHOLE NEW RULE BOOK

THESE DAYS, THE CULTURAL UNIVERSE LOVES TO rank anything and everything. It's a way to convey authority, generate media coverage and create controversy by pricking a few overinflated egos. It's almost as if we have begun judging our own worth solely as it relates to others. And it's a depressing development.

It is amid this climate that *Billboard* is forgoing ranking its 50 Women in Music executives. As Janice Min, who oversees this magazine and its sister publication, *The Hollywood Reporter*, lamented upon announcing the shift, ranked lists of female executives have unwittingly created a "beauty pageant of brains." Which is right on the money.

Frank Zappa once said, "Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible." And so we are choosing to deviate from our norm, and society's new norm, to focus on progress and diversity and to pull our list from the industry's fighting pit — while shining a light on an exceptional group of women that is rewriting the music industry's rules and, in some cases, creating a whole new rule book.

One of those women is Universal Music Publishing Group chairman/CEO Jody Gerson, who — to the surprise of almost no one — is *Billboard*'s 2015 Executive of the Year. She arrived at UMPG in January, having already established a reputation as a

calculated risk-taker, relying on her ear and intuition as much as algorithms. She's a music nerd in the best sense.

Case in point: Earlier this year, Gerson signed an unproven talent named Tobias Jesso Jr., a gangly, 30-year-old, piano-playing Canadian, to a reported seven-figure publishing deal. At the time, I thought she was completely off-base and may have actually said that to her (although I'm hoping I'm misremembering the conversation).

"It was a lot of money for an unproven artist," she admitted. "But I went on instinct. I knew his songs would be priceless."

Her instincts proved correct. Jesso co-wrote "When We Were Young" with Adele, regarded by many to be one of the strongest cuts on her record-smashing new album, *25*. (Perhaps you've heard of it.) And Jesso himself may eventually deliver the musical progeny of *Honky Chateau* and *Nilsson Schmilsson*.

Oh, and Universal controls Adele's publishing as well. Are those two of the industry's smartest moves in recent years? No contest.

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"This is classic artist development," says a label source of Adele's feat: 4.2 million copies of 25 sold as of Dec. 2.

SEARCHING FOR LESSONS IN THE ADELE MIRACLE

IS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM — ALBUMS ARE DEAD! STREAMING IS KING! — NOW OVER IN THE WAKE OF 25'S HISTORIC DEBUT? A DELIRIOUS, PERPLEXED INDUSTRY SCRUTINIZES SONY'S TRIUMPH

BY ED CHRISTMAN and SHIRLEY HALPERIN

CLIVE DAVIS HAS A MESSAGE for the music business. In the wake of a historic first week for **Adele's** third album, 25 — 3.38 million units sold, according to Nielsen Music, or 41 percent of all the albums purchased in the United States between Nov. 20 and 26 — the venerable executive and Sony Music chief creative officer declares: "This is a clarion call to everyone in the industry to look for the unique, the special and not reduce music to a formula."

That sentiment is echoed by

retailers coast to coast, from Target's 1,800 stores to Trans World's 309 locations, where vp/divisional merchandise manager **Ish Cuebas** ordered triple the chain's normal amount on a highly hyped record — "If I run out of stock on this title, I'm a dead man," he quips. On Dec. 1, 11 days after the record's release, a buyer for Amoeba Records in Hollywood marveled to *Billboard* that he "just had to send another 60 down to the floor."

"It's exciting for the music business," says **Ryan Seacrest**, host of the syndicated radio show *On Air With Ryan Seacrest*, whose home station, Los Angeles' KIIS-FM, leads in its embrace of Adele's "Hello" across the

iHeartRadio network with 622 total plays since the single's release, according to Nielsen Music, or a spin approximately every 90 minutes. "It shows that there's still a mass, mainstream audience for music. People who want it will go out and get it."

As 25 trends toward what could be a record-breaking, second consecutive million-selling week, executives and experts alike are analyzing the historic feat: Is this a teachable moment for the music industry or simply a miraculous one-off from a peerless talent? Have XL Recordings and Sony-owned Columbia Records crafted a new playbook for an album rollout, or were they just gifted with an extraordinary

THE OVER UNDER



Daniel Ek's Spotify tops Pandora as the world's most popular streaming app, leading in both active users and revenue.



Chief Keef's latest record deal is put on pause due to infighting between his billionaire benefactor and manager.



After a two-year stint at Viacom, **Paul Kahn** joins Warner/Chappell as its new CFO and executive vp.

opportunity and didn't bungle it? How did withholding the album from streaming services like Spotify and Apple Music affect its out-of-the-gate momentum? As the numbers trickle in — international sales through the first week are in the 7 million range, a source says (Sony would not confirm any data) — industry experts estimate that had 25 been available for streaming, it would have sold 300,000 to 500,000 fewer copies. More than a sizable dent, but history already had been made without those sales.

"If you would have told me five years ago that 'N Sync's one-week sales record [of 2.4 million] could be broken, I'd think you were on drugs," says the head of sales at a competing major label. "Adele's success with 25 is an outlier in every sense of the word," adds another senior label executive. "She is an anomaly to the business. She doesn't abide by any of the rules."

Indeed, if ever there has been an undersell when it came to marketing what is arguably the most anticipated album of the century (so far), it has been the 25 campaign. After months of secrecy, during which few were privy to such basic information as a projected release date and final song selection, the public, industry and merchants received 30 days' notice with minimal press exposure for the 27-year-old singer.

"It wasn't like a Taylor Swift plan where there is three or four months of build-up; it was a month of smart marketing, picking and choosing the right things to do," says one insider, echoing the thoughts of another senior label executive. "She was around but wasn't around; she was there but wasn't over there. You got the impression that Adele was everywhere when in fact she wasn't."

That's thanks to the directive of Adele's longtime manager **Jonathan Dickins**,

who, along with Columbia chairman **Rob Stringer**, XL Recordings owner **Richard Russell** and Columbia senior vp marketing **Doneen Lombardi**, took the reins on the project and opted for a highly selective smattering of outlets. At the top of their list: a network TV "package." According to a source, *Saturday Night Live* impresario **Lorne Michaels** dined with Adele during the summer and the two formulated a plan to tape a Radio City Music Hall concert special for NBC, which Dickins and Stringer were especially keen on. That deal ballooned to include a performance slot on *SNL* (her episode was the show's highest rated so far this season) along with appearances on NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and *Today*.

Less visible but perhaps more crucial to Sony's out-of-the-gate success: The label managed to avoid the inevitable prerelease leak, a significant accomplishment considering it had shipped 3.6 million physical copies just in the United States. How did Sony do it? By taking on the additional costs of drop-shipping product directly to most stores two days before the release date.

"You usually start shipping product to distribution centers two weeks before street date," says the major-label sales head. "It's amazing that they got all that physical product into the marketplace [without issue]."

"The Sony preparation was so well orchestrated that nothing was left to chance," says Alliance Entertainment senior vp purchasing and marketing **Laura Provenzano**. "It's like storm preparedness: We had strict controls in place, and every ship-to point was covered." In fact, Stringer himself traveled to a store in North Bergen, N.J., on release day to check on the album's arrival and positioning.

As for who's on the buying side of the transaction, like everything Adele,

"The world was hungry for the real thing."

— *Clive Davis*

25's Build-Up

Sept. 24

After months of speculation and years of false alarms, industry sources peg 25's release as Nov. 20, though Sony Music executives decline to confirm.

Oct. 18

A 30-second ad featuring a snippet of "Hello" airs in the United Kingdom during *The X Factor* — the first public airing of Adele's new music.

Oct. 21

Adele tweets a letter to fans apologizing for the long gap between albums — "Life happens" — and later confirms 25's title and Nov. 20 release date.



Oct. 23

The "Hello" video premieres, breaking Vevo's record for most views in 24 hours (27.7 million) and becoming the second-fastest YouTube clip to pass 100 million views.

Oct. 27

In her first interview in three years, Adele speaks on motherhood and the "toxic" nature of fame for *i-D* magazine; BBC announces an hourlong special, *Adele at the BBC*, filming Nov. 2.



Nov. 2

"Hello" debuts at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 — becoming the first song to sell 1 million digital downloads in a week.

ADELE'S BIG WEEK

Doing the math, by store, region and format

SALES BREAKDOWN BY STORE

1.5M ITUNES
820K TARGET
425K WALMART
243K AMAZON
105K BEST BUY

55K Google Play, **40K** Barnes & Noble, **22K** Trans World, **17K** Indie Stores, **12K** Target.com

SALES BREAKDOWN BY REGION*



*Source: Nielsen Music

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her audience defies demos, seemingly spanning all ages (“8 to 80” is a favorite mantra of retailers), genders, races and physical locations (although worth noting: urban areas sold the most copies of 25, with the New York market in the lead, followed by Los Angeles and Chicago). Moreover, says Amoeba buyer **Brad Schelden**, it didn’t hurt that “there’s nothing embarrassing” about walking into a store to buy an Adele CD. “In fact, people are proud of liking Adele, even if they don’t shop at a record store very often. Someone comes in looking for **Justin Bieber**, they might say, ‘This is for my kid.’”

What’s ultimately drawing even the casual listener to this collection of music crafted by songwriters and producers such as **Bruno Mars**, **Danger Mouse** and **Tobias Jesso Jr.**? An emotional connection to the material. Legendary singer **Aretha Franklin** tells *Billboard* that Adele “reaches the woman of unrequited

love, the man-that-got-away woman. There’s a tear in her voice that anyone who has ever been in love and lost is acquainted with. What sets Adele apart is her writing — lyrics women can relate to. But only time will tell where she stands in terms of other great vocalists of the 21st century, not sales.”

Seacrest concurs. “The reaction was the same all around the world,” he says. “Her songs, the lyrics, the melodies — they have layers and depth but are still understandably simple. At the end of the day, it’s great music.”

Curiously quiet are Sony executives, who will soon be able to toast an additional point of market share in 2015 — 8.9 percent projected for Columbia by the end of the year, compared with 6.5 percent for the 46 weeks of the year prior to 25’s release and 7.8 percent in overall market share in 2014 — preferring to “let the project speak for itself,” says a

ADELE PROJECTIONS

25’s projected U.S. sales by the end of its second sales week, according to *Billboard*

4.3M

projected sales by end of 2015

7.325M

(including track-equivalent albums)

projected sales the week after the Grammy Awards

8.765M

(including TEA)

Columbia representative. “It’s very XL to not be boastful,” adds a source. Speaking to *Billboard*, Jesso reveals that during the writing sessions, he would tease Adele about what was sure to be a huge first week. “She took it all with a grain of salt,” he says. “I don’t even know if she pays attention to numbers, to be honest.” Davis’ take: “The world was hungry for the real thing. Adele and her team should pop the champagne and enjoy it.”

Sony’s successful grand experiment now begs another question: Will other big stars follow Adele’s lead in windowing, or withholding albums from streaming sites, for an initial period? “The lesson learned here is that windowing will impact sales,” says one label executive, who bets “the industry puts a big microscope on it.” But, cautions another: “There are a handful of artists who can and should withhold from streaming. And we have exhausted that list for the moment.”

Nov. 3

Adele appears on the cover of *Rolling Stone*, discussing Rick Rubin’s influence on 25, her throat surgery and reservations about touring.



Nov. 6

The first video of Adele performing “Hello” live, taken from the BBC special, is released.

Nov. 17

Adele films an NBC concert special at New York’s Radio City Music Hall and celebrates 25’s release three days later with a performance at Joe’s Pub, the site of her first U.S. show in 2008.

Nov. 21

Adele kicks off a U.S. TV run with appearances on NBC’s *Saturday Night Live*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and *Today*.



Nov. 24

25 officially breaks ‘N Sync’s one-week record of 2.42 million sales in four days and finishes the surveyed week with 3.38 million in sales.



Nov. 30

In its second week, 25 soars past 4 million in U.S. sales and becomes the fastest album to sell a million units in U.K. history.

Tidal Names Its Third CEO In Nine Months

Digital vet Jeff Toig, formerly of Muve Music, signals a move toward stability for the service

BY GLENN PEOPLES

AFTER A TURBULENT START, the music subscription service Tidal may finally be heading toward calmer waters. The company announced on Dec. 2 that veteran digital music executive **Jeff Toig** will take the helm as its CEO on Jan. 4. Toig brings extensive experience at growing young tech companies: Before his most recent post, a two-year tenure as SoundCloud’s chief business officer, he was the founder and senior vp

of Muve Music, Cricket Wireless’ innovative music service, and a member of the Virgin Mobile USA founding team. **Jay Z**, who bought Tidal in March, calls him “a leader at the intersection of consumer technology and entertainment for more than two decades.”

Toig has his work cut out for him. Since Tidal’s splashy launch on March 30, it has gone through two chief executives, **Andy Chen** and interim CEO **Peter Tonstad**, and lost chief investment officer **Vanja Schlogel**, among others. Adding to the bad optics have been rumors that Jay Z is looking to sell the company or partner with another service. Toig shoots down the notion that Tidal is a short-term play for the rap mogul. “I was really struck by his deep commitment to the business,” he says. “It’s one of the main reasons I took the job.”

The music-subscription market has changed dramatically in the nine months since Jay Z bought the Swedish technology company Aspiro and its WiMP streaming service (renamed Tidal) for \$56 million. Apple Music’s June launch was followed by the arrival of YouTube Red in October. On Nov. 16, Internet radio company Pandora announced it would acquire parts of bankrupt Rdio for \$75 million as a steppingstone to launching its own on-demand service. Another tech giant, Amazon, is making strides with its Prime Music service, while Spotify has become even more dominant.

To survive, Tidal, now available in 46 countries, must capitalize on the benefits that its unique corporate structure can bring. Before the



Toig

launch, Jay Z brought aboard 18 artist-owners, ranging from **Alicia Keys** and **Daft Punk** to **Kanye West** and **Jack White**, who can provide exclusive audio and video content in addition

to performing at Tidal-branded concerts. The company, however, has been inconsistent in leveraging that content. Despite exclusive releases from **Rihanna**, **Madonna**, **Prince** and **Lil Wayne**, Spotify and YouTube often account for nearly all of those artists’ streams. Still, the potential in that area is substantial. Toig says, “There are really interesting connected components Tidal is trying to present to fans that look different from what other services do because of the artists who are involved.”



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Michael Dorf

The entrepreneur on expansion plans for his \$40 million business, and why older fans just want a place to sit

BY ANDY GENSLER
PHOTOGRAPHED BY AXEL DUPEUX

MICHAEL DORF is the classic New York success story: music-loving Midwesterner arrives downtown in the 1980s; hops into an arts scene that includes **Lou Reed** and **Sonic Youth**; opens a coffeehouse performance space; builds an international brand; walks away from it all; and starts over.

"I needed to think through what I'd like as a customer," says Dorf, 53, a Milwaukee native who, after founding The Knitting Factory, went on to launch tech-minded festivals and produce benefit shows at Carnegie Hall before starting his most lucrative music-business

venture yet: City Winery.

Today, the married father of three heads up the chain of venue-restaurants (average capacity: 300) boasting a curated selection of live music and fine vintages, and whose flagship Tribeca location, which opened in 2008, is mere blocks away from where Dorf first exercised his entrepreneurial spirit two decades earlier. With clubs in Chicago and Nashville, new venues in Atlanta and Boston planned for 2016 and two more major cities in the works (a Napa, Calif., location, ironically, is closing), Dorf employs some 550 employees and will take in an estimated \$40 million in revenue in 2015.

The Knitting Factory opened in 1986 and grew to house a record label, a Hollywood location and an office in Amsterdam. Why did you split?

I originally envisioned a kind of **Jack Kerouac**-inspired gallery/performance art/coffeehouse space — what it was like to be in Paris or in New York during the beatnik 1950s. After moving to a bigger space in Tribeca in 1996, I wanted to expand all aspects of what we were doing, but going through three consecutive rounds of financing, I started to not call it "music" but "content." I was caught up in the idea that the Internet would get our brand in front of millions of people. Then the 2000 dot-com crash came and the implosion of the record business and then 9/11. 2002 was tough, and we let a lot of people go. By 2003 I had diluted myself out of a control position within the company and recognized that I didn't want to be fighting with investors and feeling like I didn't control my own destiny.

Now you are expanding City Winery. Is there a risk in too much, too soon?

Certainly expansion that is too fast or undercapitalized

will not be successful. But a well-planned, strategized and methodical rollout into the right markets mitigates how risky it is. We made a mistake with Napa, but we learned from it. Our openings in Atlanta and Boston; then Toronto; Washington, D.C.; Houston; Denver; Seattle; Miami and wherever else we land in the next few years will be responsible expansion.

How have you seen the New York music scene change?

Real estate has gotten more precious, so unless a venue is able to support annual rent of \$1 million, it is very hard to open one

up. Similarly, the creators of music need to have affordable living spaces and even Brooklyn has gotten so pricey that it's pushing artists upstate, to Nashville or other parts of the country. Given this ecosystem, New York has fewer experimental performers. It has all gotten a bit more commercial.

What is City Winery's place within the larger touring landscape?

We're going for an older demographic, people who have disposable income and are underserved. These audiences don't want to stand. They want to sit, they want to be treated in a much more refined way, and many of them are pressed for time. So we've created a luxury concert experience with headliners like **Crosby, Stills & Nash**, **Joan Armatrading** and **Gregg Allman**, who played just last month. We're very bullish on the state of touring. As the supply of older talent with some degree of brand awareness continues to age, the expectations of their fans will create more of a need for a space like ours. Live Nation is not getting into the high-end restaurant/wine business, and, frankly, there aren't too many wineries going into the concert business. ●



1 "I treated myself to this Miles Davis live at Newport box set," says Dorf. "I'm getting a new turntable for my man cave." **2** A photo of Bob Dylan taken by Bob Gruen, a "regular" at Dorf's New York venue. **3** A custom-labeled bottle of pinot noir for Phish bassist Mike Gordon, a friend of Dorf's, signed by members of The Grateful Dead as a birthday gift.

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11-27



Joe Jonas sold his three-bedroom West Hollywood home for \$2.9 million.

11-28



The Eagles' **Don Henley** and **Glenn Frey** settled a federal lawsuit against **Bill Shelley**, who they accused of peddling bootleg recordings of their concerts. Terms of the suit were not disclosed.

11-29



Actor-rapper **Ice-T** and wife **Coco** welcomed their first child, Chanel Nicole.

11-30



Ed Sheeran signed singer-songwriter **Foy Vance** to his Gingerbread Man Records.



Vance

Dani Frank left Shore Fire Media to join PMK-BNC's entertainment department as an account executive.

Creative Artists Agency added three music agents: **Adam Brill** (Los Angeles), **Ben Buchanan** (Toronto) and **Brian Hill** (Nashville).

12-01



Entercom named **Liana Huth** vp programming innovation. She previously held senior roles at Columbia Records, Madison Square Garden Company and AEG Live.

Fantasia signed with Primary Wave Entertainment.

Rogers & Cowan named **Alan Nierob** and **Fran Curtis** co-presidents of entertainment worldwide and **Richard Davis** COO/CFO.

12-02



Spanish Broadcasting System launched its LaMusica app, featuring more than 23 million songs and live streams of SBS' radio stations.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 5 Johnny Rzeznik (50) Little Richard (83)	Sinéad O'Connor (49) Gregg Allman (68)
Dec. 7 Sara Bareilles (36) Dominic Howard (38)	Dec. 9 Imogen Heap (38) Tre Cool (43) Donny Osmond (58)
Dec. 8 Nicki Minaj (33) Nick Zinner (41) Corey Taylor (42)	Dec. 10 Meg White (41) Dec. 11 Nikki Sixx (57)

11-18



Crowdmix named **Dick Wingate** president of artist and entertainment services for North America.

11-19



Next Big Sound founder **Alex White** was appointed entrepreneur in residence at New York University's Steinhardt music business program.



White

11-20



Nonesuch Records named veteran executive **David Bither** co-president, effective Jan. 1.

11-21



Record executive, songwriter and producer **Evan "Kidd" Bogart** proposed to his longtime girlfriend, singer-songwriter **ZZ Ward**, in her hometown of Roseburg, Ore. The couple have been dating since 2012.

11-23



Audio Network expanded into the U.S. market, elevating **Ian Ginsberg** to GM of Audio Network U.S.

11-24



The Firm artist manager **Angelica Cob-Baehler** and her husband, photographer Chapman Baehler, welcomed daughter Bianca Lily Baehler, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces, at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles.

11-25



Roc Nation signed Canadian rapper **Belly** (real name: **Ahmad Balshe**) to a new label deal. The artist co-wrote six tracks on **The Weeknd's** *The Beauty Behind the Madness*.

France's National Union of Producers, Distributors and Theatres (Prodiss) appealed for €50 million (\$53 million) in state aid following the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

Australian-based music streaming service Guvera confirmed a \$100 million "pre-IPO round" of funding.

Jack White's Third Man Records opened a store in Detroit's Cass Corridor neighborhood.



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Confetti and balloons were on overload as Miley Cyrus performed cuts from her *Miley Cyrus & Her Dead Petz* album at Terminal 5 in New York on Nov. 28. Costume inspirations ranged from a stick of butter to a disco ball.



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1 Epic Records chairman/CEO Antonio "L.A." Reid (center) with (from left) Nate "Rocket" Wonder, Jidenna, Janelle Monáe and Roman GianArthur in Las Vegas at the Soul Train Music Awards, which aired Nov. 29 on BET. 2 Alt-J's Gus Unger Hamilton during the band's performance at Manchester Central in Manchester, England, on Nov. 29. 3 Lauren Mayberry of Chvrches onstage at London's Alexandra Palace on Nov. 27. 4 Mariah Carey sang "All I Want for Christmas Is You" at the 89th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York on Nov. 26. 5 Big Sean showed some hometown pride as he performed during halftime at the NFL game between the Detroit Lions and the Philadelphia Eagles in Detroit on Nov. 26.



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Latin Grammy Awards

LAS VEGAS, NOV. 19

IT WAS A GENRE-BENDING NIGHT FROM THE start. For his opening performance at the 16th annual Latin Grammys, **J Balvin** brought out EDM supergroup **Major Lazer**, Danish singer-songwriter **MØ** and fellow reggaeton artist **Farruko**. A little later, **Nicky Jam** and Jamaican-American singer **OMI** performed a mashup of “El Perdon” and “Cheerleader,” and **Will Smith** rapped alongside Colombian alt-electronica fusion act **Bomba Estereo** on its “Fiesta” remix. Though the night spotlighted crossover moments, the evening’s big winner, alt-Mexican singer-songwriter **Natalia Lafourcade**, who is still not a household name in the United States, took home four awards for her album *Hasta la Raiz* and its title-track single. “I’ve taken small but firm steps,” Lafourcade told *Billboard* backstage. “I’ve remained loyal to my convictions.” The night took a political turn when **Mana** and **Los Tigres del Norte** unfurled a banner that read “United Latinos, Don’t Vote for Racists” in a not-so-subtle dig at presidential hopeful **Donald Trump** and his comments about the Latin community. “People can vote for whomever they want,” Mana’s **Fher Olvera** told *Billboard* during Warner Music’s afterparty. “But discriminating against people because of the color of their skin or their religion is simply immoral.”

—LEILA COBO



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1 Bomba Estereo’s Lilia Saumet and Smith at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. **2** Natalia Jimenez. **3** From left: Chocquibtown’s Miguel “Slow” Martinez, Gloria “Goyo” Martinez and Carlos “Tostao” Valencia. **4** Members of Mana and Los Tigres del Norte. **5** Best urban music album award winner Tego Calderon (center) with Wisin (left) and Ricky Martin. **6** Best urban song winner Balvin (left) with Jam, who won best urban performance. **7** “How amazing that we made this disc together,” said Lafourcade to friend-collaborator Leonel Garcia during her speech for record of the year.

Billboard Touring Conference & Awards

NEW YORK, NOV. 18-19

STORIES OF OZZY OSBOURNE PEEING IN PROMOTER **Ron Delsener**'s Porsche and **Dave Grohl** promising promoter **Seth Hurwitz** that he was "playing this f—ing" show after breaking his leg were two of the highlights at the Billboard Touring Conference. Held at the Roosevelt Hotel, the confab included a Q&A with **Brad Paisley**, who jokingly dissed his sparkling water beverage ("That's a funny-looking beer!"), and panels with a who's who of industry insiders that covered everything from bridging the gap between young and old **Grateful Dead** fans at the Fare Thee Well concerts in Chicago to dealing with hungover artists. The event came to a close with the Touring Awards, where **Bob Seger**, who was honored as Legend of Live, was in hysterics as comedian **Warren Holstein** roasted the audience. Among the touching moments of the night were the standing ovations for humanitarians **Hugh Evans** of Global Citizen and **Barbara Hubbard**, executive director of American Collegiate Talent Showcase. **One Direction**, **Ed Sheeran**, **Kenny Chesney** and **Kevin Hart** accepted awards in pre-filmed videos, with Chesney already focused on 2016, exclaiming, "I hope I win another one!"

—MICHELE ANGERMILLER



Echosmith lead singer Sydney Sierota was part of a case study that explored the career moves and strategic planning that has helped propel the alt-pop group forward.



1 Seger. 2 Daylo Ventures founder Peter Shapiro during the "Golden Road to Fare Thee Well" panel. 3 Sony Music Entertainment executive vp business affairs/general counsel Julie Swidler and Street Execs Management partner David Leeks sat for the artist management panel "The Drummer Just Did What?" 4 Modest Management's Lisa Wolfe took home the top manager award. 5 From left: Kendal Marcy of Fitzgerald-Hartley, Paisley, Billboard executive director of content and programming for touring and live entertainment Ray Waddell and manager Bill Simmons. 6 AEG Live chairman/COO Jay Marciano during his "10 Questions With..." panel.





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After escaping death, drugs and poverty to become one of R&B’s most promising new stars, August Alsina faces a new hurdle — degenerative eye disease. “I’m a keep squinting until God takes my vision completely”

BY BEN DETRICK
PHOTOGRAPHED BY RYAN PFLUGER

Alsina photographed Nov. 3 at El Cortez in Brooklyn. For an exclusive video in which he discusses his upbringing and eye disease, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

ON PAPER, YOU WOULD EXPECT **August Alsina** to be happy, if not straight-up ecstatic. In 2014, the rising R&B star reached No. 2 on the *Billboard* 200 with debut album *Testimony*, toured with **Usher** and won best new artist at the BET Awards. One of his platinum-certified singles, the 2013 breakout hit “I Luv This Shit,” topped *Billboard*’s R&B/Hip-Hop Mainstream Airplay chart for two weeks. Another, 2014’s “No Love,” which featured **Nicki Minaj**, has more than 100 million YouTube views. His sophomore LP, *This*

Thing Called Life, comes out Dec. 11, led by the single “Why I Do It,” a duet with **Lil Wayne** in which Alsina boasts in a swaggering high tenor reminiscent of **Chris Brown**, “I’m eating so good, and I’m still not done/No I ain’t stoppin’ ’til I got it all.”

But today, sitting in a Tex-Mex restaurant in Brooklyn’s Bushwick neighborhood, Alsina, 23, wears grimness like body armor. It’s in his eyes, currently concealed behind dark sunglasses; in the gravelly words that he deadpans in his Louisiana accent; in the funeral ensemble — black bandana,

black jeans, black jacket, black Jordans, crucifix necklace — he wears on a November afternoon. “I feel older than I really am,” Alsina says flatly. “It’s because of the cards I was dealt.”

In May, Alsina revealed that he is going blind. He describes how a doctor told him that he had a degenerative eye disease, and that it was steadily worsening. Initially he refused to believe it. “I was like, ‘This n— a tripping.’ I went to see a few other doctors, but that was it — I had to accept it,” he says. “It was a very humbling experience. You take that for granted, waking up and being able to

see.” He points toward a woman in a booth 15 feet away. “I can see her,” he says, “but I wouldn’t be able to tell you what she looked like.”

On top of that, in 2014 he was hospitalized for seizures that he blames on exhaustion. “I’m a sickly man,” he says. “I know that all of that has got to be for a reason. All this crazy shit didn’t happen to me just to happen.”

There is a desperation to how Alsina sings — not out of yearning for the affections of a woman, but from a hard life. He makes conventional

Both his biological father and stepfather were addicted to crack, and the household his mother attempted to glue together was shredded by instability. One day there would be lights, a TV on the wall and furniture in the living room. The next day, they would be gone. The family moved to Houston in an attempt to escape the claw of drugs, but it didn’t help. “Of all my childhood memories, I don’t have any good ones,” says Alsina. “I block shit out. The shit just make you coldhearted, to be honest.”

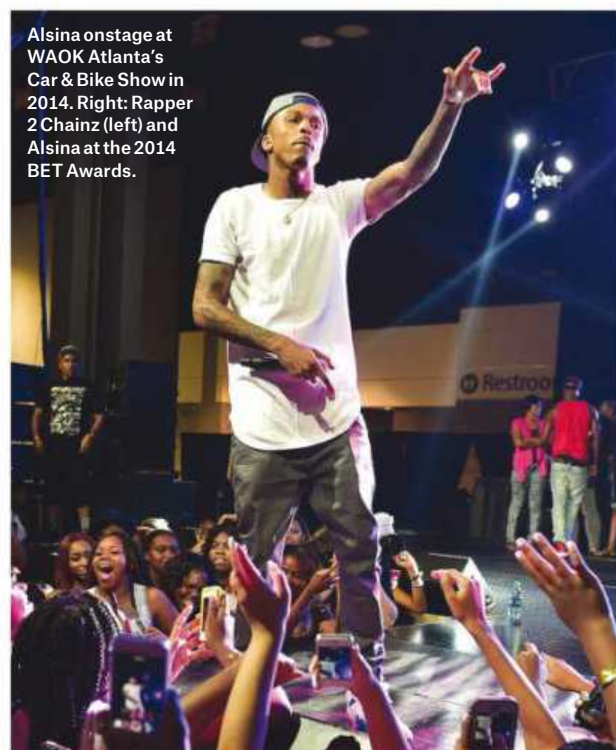
showing his brother’s birthday, the date he was killed, police tape, a gun, a bullet turning into a musical note and an eyeball. (“For the people who saw it and never said nothing,” he explains.) He says the murder served as a wake-up call that convinced him to dedicate his life to music. “If that didn’t happen, I wouldn’t be here today,” he says. “I’d probably be dead. If it wasn’t somebody killing me, it’d probably be me killing myself.”

Building off the buzz from his YouTube videos, Alsina connected with Noontime Management and relocated to Atlanta in 2011. The following year, he signed with Def Jam Recordings through **The-Dream**’s Radio Killa Records imprint.

Alsina’s personal woes continued despite his subsequent career successes. He had surgery in an attempt to correct his vision, but his sight is still deteriorating. “I went back to the doctor recently and it got worse,” he says. “I’m a keep squinting until God takes my vision completely.”

His family remains a source of turmoil, too. In late October, Alsina tweeted a screen capture of a text message from a cousin who suggested Alsina played a role in his brother’s murder. Earlier in November, his mother, with whom he is not on speaking terms, took to social media to criticize Alsina for airing the family’s dirty laundry. “The people that you think are supposed to be there for you and be happy for you — instead they want to tear you down,” he says. “They would rather kill you than see you live the life God has given you. I don’t trust a soul now. I used to think that I would fall in love one day — the chances are slim to none now.”

If there’s a silver lining, it’s that Alsina’s art is autobiographical, and derives much of its potency from pain. Perhaps this is a form of public therapy, and *This Thing Called Life* represents another opportunity to exorcise the specters that follow him. “It sounds like a sob story, but it should actually be inspirational,” he says of his life. “We all battling different things. Me? I’m just able to channel that through my music.”



Alsina onstage at WAOK Atlanta’s Car & Bike Show in 2014. Right: Rapper 2 Chainz (left) and Alsina at the 2014 BET Awards.



When Alsina was a scrawny teen in an oversized baseball cap, he began uploading videos to YouTube in which he covered songs by **Lyfe Jennings** and **Musiq Soulchild**. His vocal talent was obvious, but reality interfered; the laptop was pawned off, and later on, at age 16, he was kicked out of the house by his mother. He returned to New Orleans and sold drugs for pocket change. “It’s like, ‘Man, this shit f—ed up my life, so I’m a f— up someone else’s life,’” he says. “That’s how you think when you’re ignorant to the situation.”

On a summer night in 2010, Alsina’s 24-year-old brother, **Melvin LaBranch III**, was found riddled with bullets on a street in eastern New Orleans; he died early the next morning. Alsina pulls back his right sleeve to display a tattoo

R&B in a sonic sense, but lyrically, he’s like a New Orleans narcocorrido. “I came up in the 504 where the block stay hot/And the hot boys all tote Glocks,” he sings on “Shoot or Die,” his remix of **Justin Timberlake**’s “Suit & Tie.” “How I came up is deeply rooted into my music,” says Alsina. “Because I come from shit. I come from nothing.”

Alsina was raised in Kenner, a New Orleans suburb, and his childhood was not a happy one.

OVERHEARD

BY SELMA FONSECA

Nilsson Sings Nilsson

Celebrated 1970s singer-songwriter **Harry Nilsson** is due for a revival, and his 30-year-old son **Kief Nilsson** may be the one to make it happen. **Lee Blackman**, the attorney for Nilsson père’s estate (he died in 1993), tells *Billboard* that “Kief-o,” as he calls him, is recording an album of his dad’s more obscure tracks, including “All I Think About Is You,” “Rainmaker,” “Daybreak,” “Maybe,” “Kojak Columbo” and “The Flying Saucer Song.” “It’s a



Nilsson

work in progress,” says Blackman, who adds that Kief is recording the LP with **Cal Campbell**, the son of singer-songwriter **Glen Campbell**. Fans of the elder Nilsson will be happy to hear that Kief has two working titles in mind for the record, both of which are nods to his father’s albums: *Nilsson Sings Nilsson* and *Son of Son of Schmilsson*.



Aiken with Santa Claus

American Idol Christmas

The 84th annual Hollywood Christmas Parade in Los Angeles turned into an impromptu episode of *American Idol*. Among those who attended or performed at the Nov. 28 event were 2003 winner **Ruben Studdard** and runner-up **Clay Aiken**, 2006 winner **Taylor Hicks** and finalist **Chris Daughtry**, and 2013 winner **Candice Glover** and finalists **Ace Young** and **Diana DeGarmo**, who are married.

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DAY IN THE LIFE

RIDING WITH RICK ROSS

The rapper handles beefs, biz and bae on a busy day in New York City

BY PAUL CANTOR
PHOTOGRAPHED BY JOEL BARHAMAND

3:30 On an overcast November afternoon, **Rick Ross** is sitting at a conference table inside Def Jam's Manhattan offices. His fiancée **Lira Galore** to his left, the Miami MC, 39, lifts a blunt to his lips and inhales before offering *Billboard* a drag. "It's all love," he says. "It's the business." Def Jam staffers file into the room to hear *Black Market*, Ross' eighth album (due Dec. 4), for the first time. "The rollout of a classic has to have the heart of all the people working it," he says. "There's no way they can have their heart in it if they don't believe in it. It's like taking your kids to school on the first day."

3:45 After Def Jam CEO **Steve Bartels** enters, Ross plays a series of operatic records with collaborators including **Future**, **Mary J. Blige**, **Mariah Carey**, **John Legend**, **CeeLo Green**, **Nas** and **DJ Premier**. Ross

mimes his lyrics and sips Luc Belaire Rose. "We got to remind n—as Def Jam is the greatest," he says. "This album is going to be a death blow."

4:45 In the elevator on the way out, Ross pulls Galore close for a kiss — then goes further, jokingly licking her face like a lion. Afterward, she spies her man staring attentively at his phone, seemingly at her Instagram page. "Look at you lurking!" she teases. Ross lets out a hearty laugh. The pair broke up a week earlier but already are back together. All is fair in love and selfies.

5:00 Ross, Galore, his business team and his security ride in a black SUV to the Hell's Kitchen studio of Comedy Central's *The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore*. The host is one of the few black faces in late-night TV, a fact that isn't lost on Ross. "I'm not a late-night motherf—er; I'm watching *The First 48*, people putting bodies in bags and shit like that," he says, while getting a preshow haircut in his dressing room. "But I think it's important to keep black faces that can relate to African-Americans in these positions."

7:00 During Wilmore's "Keep It 100" segment, Ross is on the hot seat. Asked if he would squash his longtime beef with **50 Cent** to end racism, he concedes: "If I got to take him to Wing Stop and have him eat some lemon pepper wings to stop racism, that's what I'm going to do." After the taping, he clarifies his comment to *Billboard*: "A hypothetical question — of course, I wouldn't think twice about that," he says, referring to Wilmore's imaginary scenario. "But anything other than that..." Point made.

8:00 Ross and company head to the Meatpacking District Pan-Asian bistro Buddakan. Seated at a corner



table, he fingers his chopsticks. Galore rubs his beard. He looks curiously at his mojito. "Do I drink the leaf?" he asks. "It's mint," she replies. Heaping plates of black bass, lamb chops and chili chicken arrive. Debilitating seizures in 2011 prompted Ross to drop more than 100 pounds, but he still indulges. "I still got to treat myself," he says. "I eat the way I want to eat. If you set a regimen up, you can lose weight. I grinded my weight off."

9:15 Over dinner, Ross is an open book when it comes to

Maybach Music Group, his imprint with Atlantic. *Black Market* features the song "Color Money," where he rhymes: "My little homie made a million on his girl's tour," a seeming reply to a line on **Drake's** "Back to Back" that disses MMG's **Meek Mill** for opening for girlfriend **Nicki Minaj**. "I'm just stating facts," says Ross. "My homie made a million on that tour — don't get it twisted." And the recent beef between Meek and fellow MMG act **Wale**? "If they want to go out back and do something, they can: I got a big-ass yard. But I know them — they're brothers, they love each other." On rumors MMG is leaving Atlantic for Epic: "I got to make a decision as early as next week. Whatever deal I do next, it's all about publishing and owning masters."

9:45 Ross is tired, but the listening party for **Pusha T's** upcoming album is at a loft space across town. "Is it going to be cool?" he asks his crew. "It'll be like, backpackers," slang for nerdy rap purists, comes the reply. Twenty minutes later, he's inside the Chinatown venue. "Appreciate you coming," Pusha tells him. "Most definitely," says Ross, his signature reply. But the crowd is thinning. It has been a long day, so maybe that's a good thing. Ross grabs his lady by the hand, and they walk out into the New York night. ●

Ross gets a shape-up at *The Nightly Show*. Right: with Gilmore at Buddakan.





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Q&A

'ROCK HAS ALMOST BECOME A DIRTY WORD'

Cage the Elephant talks bringing guitars back, childhood trauma and hanging with Jay Z

BY FRANK DIGIACOMO

The title of **Cage the Elephant's** fourth album, *Tell Me I'm Pretty* (Dec. 18, RCA), isn't a command: It's a cry for help. "You can look at it with a dark underbelly," says frontman **Matt Shultz**, 32. "Please, tell me I'm pretty — I need this!" The Kentucky-bred, Nashville-based alt-rockers' LP, produced by **The Black Keys' Dan Auerbach**, swaggers with a raw, psychedelic sound — check the mod vibe on single "Mess Around," No. 7 on *Billboard's* Alternative chart — and Shultz often matches it with even rawer, semiautobiographical lyrics. As Shultz, bassist **Daniel Tichenor** and touring keyboardist **Matthan Minster** explain over breakfast at a Lower East Side hotel, depression and a childhood friend's murder inspired some songs. (A more uplifting story about meeting **Beyoncé** and **Jay Z** at Coachella did not.)

Guitars are becoming an endangered species in popular music. What inspired you guys to stick to your rock roots on the new album?

SHULTZ At the Bonnaroo Super Jam I got the opportunity to do "Break On Through" with [**The Doors**] **Robby Krieger**. The crowd's response made me recognize the huge hole in pop that has been left by rock and that a lot of people are craving it. Rock has almost become a dirty word. But I don't think it can be pinned down to a specific time or instrument. Rock's an energy, a freedom, you capture.

Does that mean you have extra-crazy tour stories?

TICHENOR Near-death stories, for sure. We were on our tour bus in England — I guess a little alcohol was involved — and [Shultz's older brother, rhythm guitarist] **Brad** and I got into a fight. I decided, "Screw

this, I'm leaving," but I didn't realize the bus was moving. I open the door, put one foot out and Brad grabbed the back of my shirt and pulled me back in.

SHULTZ We were going 80 miles an hour.

MINSTER After our set at Coachella in 2014, I was wearing a gold crown that my girlfriend at the time had made. She and I were dancing to **MGMT** when **Beyoncé** came up to me and said, "I love your crown." I just kind of trembled and handed it to her. She put it on her mom and Instagrammed a picture of it. I was kind of shaken up by the experience, so I got a cigarette out and went to this guy sitting at the nearest table: "Hey, man, do you have a light?" He points at a guy who pulls out this cigar torch, then says, "Don't burn your hair." It's Jay Z. Then he says, "Hey, you want a margarita?" He had, like, 30 margaritas ready to go.

Did any real-life stories make it onto the album?

SHULTZ "Cold Cold Cold" addresses something I've dealt with my whole life: a feeling of imminent doom. When I was 10, there was this ice storm. I put on my coat, walked into the snow and pretended I was lost. I was so melancholy. I imagined myself turning into an ice sculpture. Then my dad pulled up: "What are you doing? It's freezing outside. Get in the car." When I was 12, a girl from my neighborhood was murdered. She was my little brother [Jeremy's] girlfriend. We were all playing that day, and they went to go get some change for a drink, so we got split up. Later we found out she had been kidnapped. It was the most traumatic experience of our lives. In "Sweetie Little Jean," I use that story as an analogy. When someone suffers from really deep depression, sometimes it's like they've been abducted. ☉

ASK THE STARS

WHICH STAR WARS IS THE BEST ONE?

Billboard asked artists before the highly anticipated Dec. 18 Lucasfilm release of J.J. Abrams' *The Force Awakens*

Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy You're supposed to say *The Empire Strikes Back*, but it will always be *Return of the Jedi*. I love the green light saber.

Big Sean *Return of the Jedi*. I'm a huge fan. I love the ill fighting scenes and the action scenes in the woods. I also like how Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker had a bonding moment and resolved their issues before Vader passed.

Alanis Morissette The first three — the original gangsters. It was a bonding experience for my whole family. When the next one comes out, we're going to watch all of them again. I can't wait.

Vinz of Nico & Vinz *The Phantom Menace*. We're big fans of Darth Maul. It was the first time a Jedi had a double light saber.

Kehlani *Attack of the Clones*. It's when Anakin is still a Padawan but feels like he's ready for so much more — I can relate. Plus, that's when the love story heats up and we all know I'm a sap.

Big Data I love *Star Wars* — I even had a *Star Wars* sleeping bag when I was a kid. My favorite in the series has to be *The Empire Strikes Back*.

Just Blaze *The Empire Strikes Back* is the better movie, but my inner 8-year-old will always be partial to *Return of the Jedi*. Luke finally becomes a Jedi, the space battle was crazy, the emperor shows his true power, and you see Darth Vader without his mask! —ROB LEDONNE

From left: Morissette, Kehlani, Vinz and Big Sean.





HEAR SAY

A LOOK AT WHO'S SAYING WHAT IN MUSIC

COMPILED BY NICK WILLIAMS

"I'd do anything with Adele ... I'd literally go to Adele's house right now and do laundry with her."

—DRAKE

The rapper, on collaborating with the British singer, in an interview with *eTalk*.

"To all my enemies, you are now forgiven. Except Kid Cudi ... If I see him in the streets, it's getting motherf—ing ugly."

—LUPE FIASCO

The MC, freestyling onstage at a show in Milwaukee. He later backtracked, saying he was "letting go" of the longtime beef.

"Our friends went there to see rock'n'roll and died; I'm going to go back there and live."

—JESSE HUGHES

The Eagles of Death Metal frontman, to *Vice* on the band's plans to return to The Bataclan after the Nov. 13 terrorist attack at the Paris venue.

"Stay with him. He bought you a car!"

—ELLEN DeGENERES

The TV host, talking to Kylie Jenner about her relationship with rapper Tyga.



"If he had asked me out on a date, I would be seen with him. Just kidding, but not kidding."

—SELENA GOMEZ

The "Good for You" singer, on whether she would go out with Zayn Malik in an interview with *InStyle U.K.*

"What you're doing is definitely not rap."

—ERYKAH BADU

The singer, dissing Iggy Azalea in her opening monologue at the Soul Train Awards.

"I was walking around with my hand out, like, 'Morrissey touched me!'"

—J.K. ROWLING

The author, in an interview with *The Guardian*, on meeting the legendary Smiths frontman, who is one of her idols.

"Every time shit like this happens, John and I immediately make another donation."

—CHRISSY TEIGEN

The star, tweeting her and husband John Legend's support for Planned Parenthood following the Nov. 28 shooting at a clinic in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"If I had to play a crackhead, I would've done it. That's how much I love that show."

—DA BRAT

The rapper, on her recent cameo on *Empire* as a prison inmate.

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Skip the reindeer sweater and opt for a luxe pullover, cardigan or Drake-approved turtleneck

BY SHANNON ADDUCCI
PHOTOGRAPHED BY JONATHON KAMBOURIS



DRAKE
The hip-hop star wore an Acne Studios sweater while showing off meme-worthy dance moves in his "Hotline Bling" video.

Clockwise from top:
Danielle Haim, Grice,
Alana Haim and Este Haim
photographed July 7 at
Root NYC in New York.

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‘The Fourth Haim Sister’

When it comes to their utterly cool refined-rocker style, the power-pop trio calls upon stylist Rebecca Grice

BY SHARON STEEL
PHOTOGRAPHED BY MILLER MOBLEY

WHEN IT'S MIDNIGHT IN Los Angeles and **Alana Haim** finds herself about to purchase something impulsively online — a pair of Acne pistol boots or a maybe a piece from the new Saint Laurent collection — she never makes a final decision without first texting Brooklyn-based stylist **Rebecca Grice**. “The time difference can be bad, because it will be 3 a.m. her time,” says Alana, 23. “But I definitely won’t buy anything expensive without her approval.”

For the past two years, starting with the album cover for **Haim**’s 2013 *Days Are Gone*, Grice, 33, has been the quiet force behind the indie power-pop band’s ’70s-inspired

Danielle wears an Equipment shirt and Chloé necktie. Grice wears a Chapel Patrick shirt and Jean Paul Gaultier pants. Alana wears an Acne jacket, Alexander Wang skirt and Lynn Ban rings. Este wears a Chloé dress and Lynn Ban rings.

For an exclusive interview of the girls dishing on the closet they would most love to raid, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.



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“We grew up loving fashion and following it. When we started working with Rebecca, it was like, ‘Oh! That makes sense.’ We have the same sensibilities.” —Danielle Haim

aesthetic, which all at once channels **Stevie Nicks’** gypsy spirit and **Debbie Harry’s** badass attitude. In the process, she has become, as bassist **Este Haim**, 29, puts it: “the fourth Haim sister.”

Over iced coffee at The West Brooklyn, Grice is coy about how she came to style one of music’s most enviably cool female-fronted bands — or even what exactly led her to a career in fashion. On the record, though, is her stint as an assistant to **Mel Ottenberg**, **Rihanna’s** stylist.

“I was there for Mel’s first job with her, and it was just *on*,” recalls Grice, who traveled the world as part of their creative team. Three years ago she spent her 30th birthday, for instance, karaokeing with the star in Tokyo after the premiere of *Battleship* wrapped. “I’m not one to really publicize my birthday,” notes Grice. “But it accidentally slipped out.”

Unlike contemporaries, who despite toiling behind the scenes have found their own way into the spotlight (**Rachel Zoe**, **Kate Young** and **Ilaria Urbinati**, to name a few), Grice has no desire to be “known” and prefers instead to focus on her relationship with “the girls.” From her perspective, she’s just there to help them tell their stories — in between “bro-ing down and talking about boys” during fittings.

The band Haim, which earlier this year opened for pal **Taylor Swift’s** 1989 Tour, was Grice’s first solo client, and it was through the group that she was introduced to **Lorde**,



1 The album cover for *Days Are Gone*, which marked the first time Haim worked with Grice.

2 Lorde in Anthony Vaccarello for her *Saturday Night Live* performance in November.

3 From left: Este, Danielle and Alana Haim at the 2015 Grammys. “Judgment can get cloudy, and having Rebecca as our leader was very calming,” says Este.

for whom she styled the 2013 “Team” video and has worked with ever since. “She loves a good suit, something a little bit wicked and a bit evil,” says Grice, who upped the ante on Lorde’s tour with a series of custom looks by **Alexander Wang** and Chloé, which creative director **Clare Waight Keller** notes “channeled Lorde’s strength and power onstage, but at the same time evoked a sensual femininity.”

“I can’t emphasize enough how it’s a collaboration,” says Grice, who grew up in Southern California. “Because if I was a musician and played in front of a million people, I’d want to wear what I want, but a dooper version of that.”

Lead vocalist/guitarist **Danielle Haim**, 26,

also points to the harmonious quality of their relationship. “We grew up loving fashion and following it. When we started working with Rebecca, it was like, ‘Oh! That makes sense.’ We have the same sensibilities.”

At the 2015 Grammy Awards, for which Haim was nominated for best new artist, the band wore a mix of Chloé and **Stella McCartney** in a crisp black-and-white palette. “There was a sense of ease,” says Grice. “They looked clean and cool and chic.”

Alana recalls the event as one of the most epic experiences of her life. “I felt super beautiful that day,” she says. “It’s weird to say you feel beautiful, but I actually felt like I was going to prom again. It was how I guess I might feel on my wedding day ... one day.”

OTHER ‘INDIE’ STYLISTS MAKING BOLD MOVES

These under-the-radar but highly collaborative partnerships are yielding some of music’s most jaw-dropping on- and offstage fashion moments



Karen Clarkson

As the exclusive stylist for **FKA Twigs**, Clarkson collaborates on looks that balance strength and femininity, like the iconic “Birds of Paradise” gown from **Alexander McQueen’s** spring/summer 2008 collection that the singer wore in March (left). “It’s not like we have to get someone from the record label to approve what she’s wearing,” says Clarkson, who also co-created the vintage archive Found & Vision in London. “When you have the freedom that we have, no one would dare to question what we’ve done.”



Soki Mak

The London- and Los Angeles-based stylist who attended Central Saint Martins prides herself on a “hyper-real, erotic and bold [aesthetic]. It’s not about fashion. It’s about art and the mood,” says Mak. “The only musicians who approach me are the ones who have the guts to hand over the job to me. They trust my vision and are never scared to try what I come up with.” Among her clientele are **Perfume Genius** and **Marina & The Diamonds’ Marina Diamandis** (left), whose custom tour looks include a sparkle-heavy Michael Costello jumpsuit. —S.S.



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➡ **HONORING THE YEAR'S MOST POWERFUL ARTISTS AND EXECUTIVES**

WHAT THE FUTURE SOUNDS LIKE

BY HILLARY CLINTON

THE GREAT LORETTA LYNN ONCE SAID THAT to make it in the music business, “You either have to be first, best or different.”

That’s true for all of this year’s Women in Music honorees, Ms. Lynn included. They’re different from anyone else out there. They’ve racked up many “firsts” — like first artist to get more than 1 billion views on YouTube (Lady Gaga) and first woman to chart more than 50 top 10 hits (Lynn). And they’re the best at what they do, whether that’s fronting a raucous soul band, writing hypnotic dance anthems, unspooling intricate rap lyrics about female empowerment or crooning ballads about heartbreak and young love.

I’ve been listening to some of these women for years. Others I recently discovered. Now I’m a fan of them all. Their talent is dazzling. So is their work ethic. None of these women had success handed to her. They all had to keep at it, even in the face of failure and discouragement — they kept singing, kept writing, kept getting better and better. They did it because they knew they had something special to offer the world. They knew their stories and points of view were worth sharing. And they were absolutely right about that.

Wonderfully, many of these women are channeling their success in thoughtful and



generous ways. They’re starting foundations, mentoring girls and enthusiastically advocating for causes close to their hearts — everything from improving mental health care to registering people to vote. They know how lucky they are to be doing what they love, and they’re making it count in the best of ways. To me, that’s worth honoring just as much as their music.

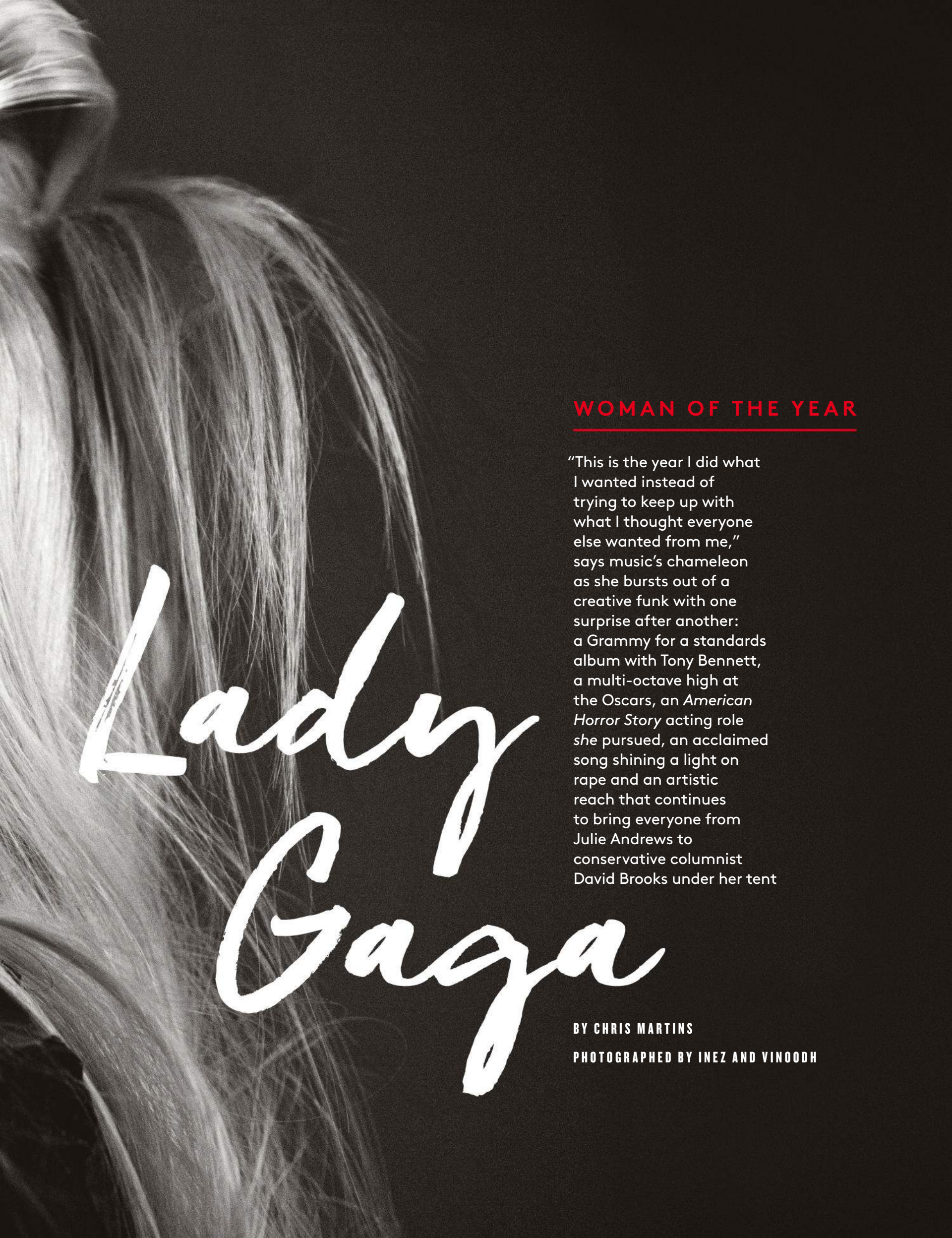
Their success was made possible by people throughout the music industry who believed in them and worked hard to get their music out into the world. The trailblazing women executives who are celebrated in these pages aren’t just leading the music industry — they’re transforming it.

My hope is that women and girls around the world will hear these artists’ songs, learn their stories and feel a greater sense of possibility for their own lives. Maybe they’ll recognize themselves in these women. Maybe they’ll be inspired to reach toward their own dreams with greater urgency. Maybe they’ll stand a little straighter or speak a little louder because that’s what Gaga and Missy and Brittany and Tori and Selena and Demi and Kelsea and Lana and Ally and Normani and Lauren and Camilla and Dinah and Loretta would do.

And if none of that happens, who knows — maybe they’ll just dance.



"I didn't plan this year. This year happened because I didn't give up," says Gaga, photographed Nov. 21 at Pier 59 Studios in New York. Styling by Brandon Maxwell. Gaga wears an RVDK/Ronald van der Kemp jacket.



Lady Gaga

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

"This is the year I did what I wanted instead of trying to keep up with what I thought everyone else wanted from me," says music's chameleon as she bursts out of a creative funk with one surprise after another: a Grammy for a standards album with Tony Bennett, a multi-octave high at the Oscars, an *American Horror Story* acting role she pursued, an acclaimed song shining a light on rape and an artistic reach that continues to bring everyone from Julie Andrews to conservative columnist David Brooks under her tent

BY CHRIS MARTINS

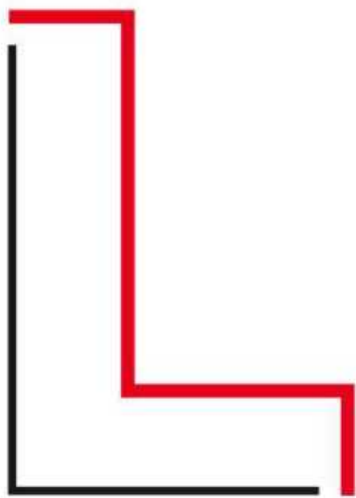
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Gaga wears an RVDK/Ronald van der Kemp jacket and Dior Homme by Hedi Slimane from David Casavant Archive pants. For exclusive videos of Gaga at home and talking about her commitment to social change, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

"I want to show women they don't need to try to keep up with the 19-year-olds."





LADY GAGA IS SITTING IN HER “sanctuary” — the sprawling, olive tree-dotted backyard of her Malibu home — when a silent, tie-clad man arrives with cocktails on a tray. “Thank you,” she says, with the sort of silver-screen elegance that it’s surprising a “dahhhling” doesn’t follow. “I might have busted my ass on the Lower East Side, but there is something nice about a good dirty martini.”

There’s a chill in the air, and while she’s wearing only a tattered Springsteen tee tucked into high-waisted denim shorts, Gaga is intent on watching the sunset. These days, the woman born Stefani Germanotta seeks out serene moments — although her admission that she “craves normalcy” is almost a revolutionary statement from someone who proudly declares that she deals in “the theater of the absurd.” As recently as 2014, the Grammy- and Guinness Record-stacking megastar, who has sold 10.4 million albums in the United States, according to Nielsen Music, considered quitting music altogether. She had parted ways with her longtime manager, Troy Carter, citing overwork, not long after 2013’s *Artpop* failed to resonate on the order of her earlier albums. She felt her image was threatening to eclipse her artistry.

This year, though, the 29-year-old not only recommitted herself to her career, she reinvented it. The unlikely set of jazz standards she recorded with Tony Bennett, *Cheek to Cheek*, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 in the fall of 2014, then won her a sixth Grammy (for best traditional pop vocal album) and spawned an international tour racking up rave reviews for much of 2015. “The audience goes crazy for the way she sings,” says Bennett, 89. “She has one of the great voices of all time, and it’s amazing how musically intelligent she is.” Pop fans the world over voiced a similar sentiment after Gaga’s

masterful *The Sound of Music* medley at the Academy Awards in February, which earned her a warm congratulatory hug from Julie Andrews.

Days later, Gaga revealed that she would take a lead part in *American Horror Story: Hotel*, the TV show’s fifth season. She won her role as vampire matriarch The Countess after cold-calling series creator Ryan Murphy. “I told him I wanted a place to put all of my anguish and rage and that I was excited to play a killer,” she recalls with relish. “We relate to each other because we’re both transformers,” says Murphy. “We do something trying to work out shit in our personal life. And then the next year we put on a different costume and we’re somebody else.” *AHS*, the highest-rated series in FX’s history, has had its strongest season this year, with Gaga’s debut in the first episode drawing 12.2 million viewers.

Gaga’s biggest role this year, though, may have been that of the crusader. She released the song “Til It Happens to You,” co-written with Diane Warren, aimed at fostering empathy with victims of sexual assault; authored a *Billboard* op-ed with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo about ending campus rape; and initiated a partnership between Her Born This Way Foundation and the Elton John AIDS Foundation. In October, after seeing Gaga receive an award from the nonprofit Americans for the Arts, *The New York Times*’ David Brooks was inspired to write a column on the nature of passion and how Gaga’s “amplified life” embodies it.

More than ever, Gaga’s efforts to end bullying and win support for gay and transgender people — as well as those who have suffered abuse, depression or anxiety as a result of prejudice — seem emblematic of millennials’ embrace of “outsiders” like Gaga herself. “Til It Happens to You,” says Warren, “speaks to her fans. That’s why it was so right to go to her.”

Gaga even managed to devote some attention to her personal life, getting engaged to actor Taylor Kinney on Valentine’s Day. (The 6-carat heart-shaped diamond flashes as she rubs the belly of her French bulldog, Asia.) In March, *Billboard*’s 2014 Woman of the Year Taylor Swift tweeted, “Is it just me or is Lady Gaga, like, fully LIVING right now?!”

Says Matt Bomer, Gaga’s *American Horror Story* co-star: “She possesses the art spirit. I know that sounds esoteric, but it’s a distinct thing and very few people have it. Typically if they do, it comes with demons. She’s blessed enough to also have the help system and love in her life to be the beautiful soul she is.” Or as Warren says, “Because of the meat dresses or whatever, you forget that underneath is a super, ridiculously talented person.”

“I was that nerdy girl who got made fun of. I believe in that girl.”

“It speaks volumes to me that I’m being recognized as Woman of the Year in 2015,” says Gaga. “This is the year I did what I wanted instead of trying to keep up with what I thought everyone else wanted from me.” Below, she explains in her own words just what following her instinct entails — and how she hopes to show women and men, artists and industry executives alike how a “hard-core chick” can set about dismantling the status quo.

‘I WANT TO EXPLODE INTO MY 30s’

“My birthday is in March, so these are the last moments of my 20s. I already mourned that in a way, and now I’m really excited about showing girls, and even men, what it can mean to be a woman in her 30s. Why is it that we’re disposing of people once they pass that mark? It’s suddenly, ‘You’re an old woman.’ I’m not f—ing old. I’m more sexual and powerful and intelligent and on my shit than I’ve ever been. I’ve come a long way through a lot of heartache and pain, but none of it made me damaged goods. It made me a fighter. I want to show women they don’t need to try to keep up with the 19-year-olds and the 21-year-olds in order to have a hit. Women in music, they feel like they need to f—ing sell everything to be a star. It’s so sad. I want to explode as I go into my 30s.

“Once you start being mindful and really going, ‘Do I actually want that?’ you start to feel empowered and you find your value. I love being the annoying girl. I was a theater kid. I was in jazz band. I went to the Renaissance Faire. I was that girl who got made fun of, that nerdy girl. I believe in that girl. I believe in the integrity, intelligence and power of people like her, and I want to ignite it.”

‘I TOOK A GAMBLE BECAUSE EVERYONE HAD WRITTEN ME OFF’

“As soon as the Oscars were over, [former chairman of Interscope Geffen A&M] Jimmy Iovine emailed me something like, ‘That was so f—ing fantastic, and it could’ve been such a disaster.’ He’s Italian and from Brooklyn, so we speak the same comedic language, but I knew he was right. The truth is you can either nail a performance like that or butcher some of the most classic songs sung by an all-time great. I took the gamble because everyone had written me off. It took me a long time to get those notes. I told my manager, ‘I need two months working with my vocal coach every day and to be sober, which means I can’t do other work at all.’ When I work I need to drink and smoke, and I have body pain [due to hip surgery]. But I’m just like any other girl — there’s a human being in there, and if you can keep the human intact, that’s what you’re going to hear in the music.



"My secret right now?"
says Gaga. "I just do what
I want." Gaga wears an
RVDK/Ronald van der
Kemp jacket and pants.

"At the end of 2014, my stylist asked, 'Do you even want to be a pop star anymore?' I looked at him and I go, 'You know, if I could just stop this train right now, today, I would. I just can't. [But] I need to get off now because I'm going to die.' When you're going so fast you don't feel safe anymore, you feel like you're being slapped around and you can't think straight. But then I felt hands lifting me. It was like everybody came together to try and put a star back in the sky, and they weren't going to let me down."

'I WAS BORN TO SING WITH TONY'

"There is nobody more badass than Tony Bennett. That man is a part of the history of music in a way that is extremely powerful, and he taught me to stay true to who I am, to not let anybody exploit me. He is responsible in so many ways for making me happy, and I can say the same for Elton [John]. When the whole industry turned their back on me during *Artpop*, they were the ones who said, 'Hey, this is a blip. It's going to go away.' On tour, I had people give me war medals



With Kinney in June.

and memorabilia just to thank me for exposing a younger generation to Tony Bennett because he changed their lives in such significant ways. I want to be a part of curating a culture where we don't give credence to anyone who is rude or crass or not good for the world.

"After *Cheek to Cheek*, everybody was like, 'Oh, you're Rod Stewart now.' I love Rod Stewart, but I would also argue that I'm not doing an adult contemporary jazz album later in my career and I'm not just doing it because I like standards. I am an Italian-American girl from New York who won state jazz competitions in high school for my abilities. I was born to sing with Tony and for him to be like, 'Yes, you were.' And so was Ella [Fitzgerald] and so was

Judy [Garland] — we could go on and on listing the amazing women he sang with. It's a party I'm thrilled to be invited to."

'I PUT ALL MY RAGE INTO THAT DARK ART'

"I'm not the type of girl who fits most molds. That's why working on *American Horror Story* with Ryan [Murphy] is a destiny. I wanted to create something extremely meaningful by exploring the art of darkness. The reason I love watching horror films, mysteries and documentaries about crime is that it somehow numbs me from the pain I experience in my own life. You are watching something worse than whatever you think you're going through. The terror of that suspends you, and you are able to forget about your own pain for a moment. It's like a safe, psychological form of masochism.

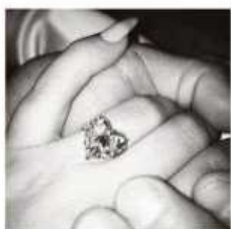
"Ryan and I have both experienced the same sort of criticism over the intention of our work. My whole career has been built on this perception that I'm trying to evoke attention because of the things I'm interested in, when it's not that way at all. If you don't like to be disturbed, [*American Horror Story*] probably isn't for you. If you don't like absurdity, I'm probably not for you. I hung upside down for 45 minutes for [video artist] Robert Wilson and drained all the blood in my body, and I've stood in a freezing cold river naked for two hours with magnets on my head for Marina Abramovic. I'm a hard-core chick. I go there. I can put all my rage into that dark art, and then the rest of my life can be spent clearheaded, doing the things I know to be right, like philanthropy and sticking to my guns musically."

HOW THE WOTY 2015 WAS WON

From her jaw-dropping *Sound of Music* tribute to her first big-time TV role, this is how the Woman of the Year redefined herself in the last full year of her 20s

FEB. 14

Gaga announced her engagement to actor Taylor Kinney with an Instagram snap of a heart-shaped diamond, captioned "He gave me his heart on Valentine's Day, and I said YES!"



FEB. 22

The star's critically lauded medley to honor *The Sound of Music's* 50th anniversary drew a standing ovation at the 87th Academy Awards and featured numbers "Do Re Mi" and "Edelweiss."



APRIL 26

Alongside partner-in-jazz Tony Bennett, she delighted the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival crowd with cuts from the Great American Songbook off their 2014 duets album, *Cheek to Cheek*.

JUNE 8

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo joined forces with Gaga to co-write an op-ed exclusively for *Billboard*, pushing for legislation to combat sexual assault on college campuses.

JUNE 19

"I feel extremely unaccomplished as a songwriter," the humbled star said while accepting the Contemporary Icon Award at the 46th annual Songwriters Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Gala.



KINNEY: SPLASH NEWS; MURPHY: JASON LAYERS/STILLMAGIC; AMERICAN HORROR STORY: SUZANNE TENNER/FOX; TIMELINE: FROM LEFT, COURTESY OF @LADYGAGA, KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES, JOSH BRASIED/WIREIMAGE, LARRY BUSACCA/GETTY IMAGES, COURTESY OF INTERSCOPE, COURTESY OF FOX, DE SCHILDKRON/IFA/SPA USA, COURTESY OF BORN THIS WAY FOUNDATION

'WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE FASHIONABLE ROBOT?'

"You can't sell your soul once you make it. It's a big mistake to just go after the money to try to stay on top. I think that's what everyone wanted me to do. But I'm a different kind of girl, and when being different is not in style it's hard for me to function. People think, 'You can just sit down at a piano whenever you want and write,' but I couldn't write for two f—ing years. For *Artpop*, I was doing beats instead. I didn't want to be near that damn [piano]. It was too emotional. I would start to play and sing, and my mind would go, 'You are way too talented for this shit. F—, your voice sounds good. F—, that's a beautiful chord. F—, that's an amazing lyric. Why are you letting these people run you into the ground? When did you become the fashionable robot?' Can't being an artist be enough? Is talent ever the thing? I think for Adele it is. I think for Bruno Mars it is. But that's what I learned from working with Tony: If talent isn't the thing, then you are way off-base.

"That's why every up and down of my career was worth it — it has led me to epiphanies. We can't create without epiphanies. You could have one and not even know it because you're so high or there are seven models sucking your dick or you're so intoxicated by the lifestyle. I'm grateful for what I have, but that doesn't mean I don't value the gift of life. Because while this house is beautiful, once I cross my property line I'm no longer free; it's legal to stalk me all over the world. The thing that makes me happy is that piano."

'LET US PURIFY THIS INDUSTRY'

"I call on every artist to be kind to one another, and compassionate. Let us purify this industry again and put our finger in the face of every executive and say, 'If you are spending money, is it on someone who can really sing? Is it on someone who has a perspective?' It's almost funny to see the look on Tony's face, the way he shakes his head, when I tell him how the industry has become. This whole thing of remixes for the radio, I have to say: When it doesn't feel like the two artists were in the room together, it really hurts me because it's such an injustice to what it means for two artists to meet. It's clever. But are we putting too many limits on the way things need to be on the radio for artists to feel free enough to create genuinely?

"We can blame the digital era forever, but music is a natural right of humankind. We've been singing in caves since the beginning and learning about reverb because of our voices echoing off mountainsides. That's the thing that scares people the most about me — of all of my contemporaries, I'm probably just the most romantic. Especially in a world where music education is not the biggest thing. Kids become depressed when they are born with a creative instinct but are not taught how to express it. Can you imagine having to come and someone says, 'I'm so sorry, but you can never ejaculate in this life'? If you don't teach someone how to release that energy, it gets blocked up, and it's painful. Kids need to learn how to express who they are and seek value in it." ●

'I KEPT SAYING, "I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT"'

American Horror Story co-creator Ryan Murphy recalls how he helped Gaga transform into The Countess



She has always wanted to be an actress. She studied it in college, but she was too terrified to go on auditions. Still, she's one of the world's most talented people, and she's a really great actress. There's a six-minute moment that is her introduction on the show, when she doesn't have any dialogue. It's just like a story in pictures. [Before shooting] I kept saying to her, "I know you can do it. You're going to do it. It's going to be great." So I brought [the footage] in to show it to her and she literally wept. She burst into tears. I was worried, but she told me later that it was because she was so happy that somebody had believed in her. —AS TOLD TO LACEY ROSE



SEPT. 18

She released the video for "Til It Happens to You," a song co-written with Grammy Award-winning songwriter Diane Warren as a sexual assault PSA for the 2015 documentary *The Hunting Ground*.



OCT. 2

The hitmaker became the first artist in history to sell more than 7 million downloads of two tracks — "Just Dance" (featuring Colby O'Donis) and "Poker Face," off her acclaimed 2008 debut, *The Fame*.



OCT. 7

Gaga made her small-screen debut to rave reviews (alongside veteran actress Kathy Bates) as The Countess on *American Horror Story: Hotel*, the fifth season of the Ryan Murphy horror anthology.

OCT. 19

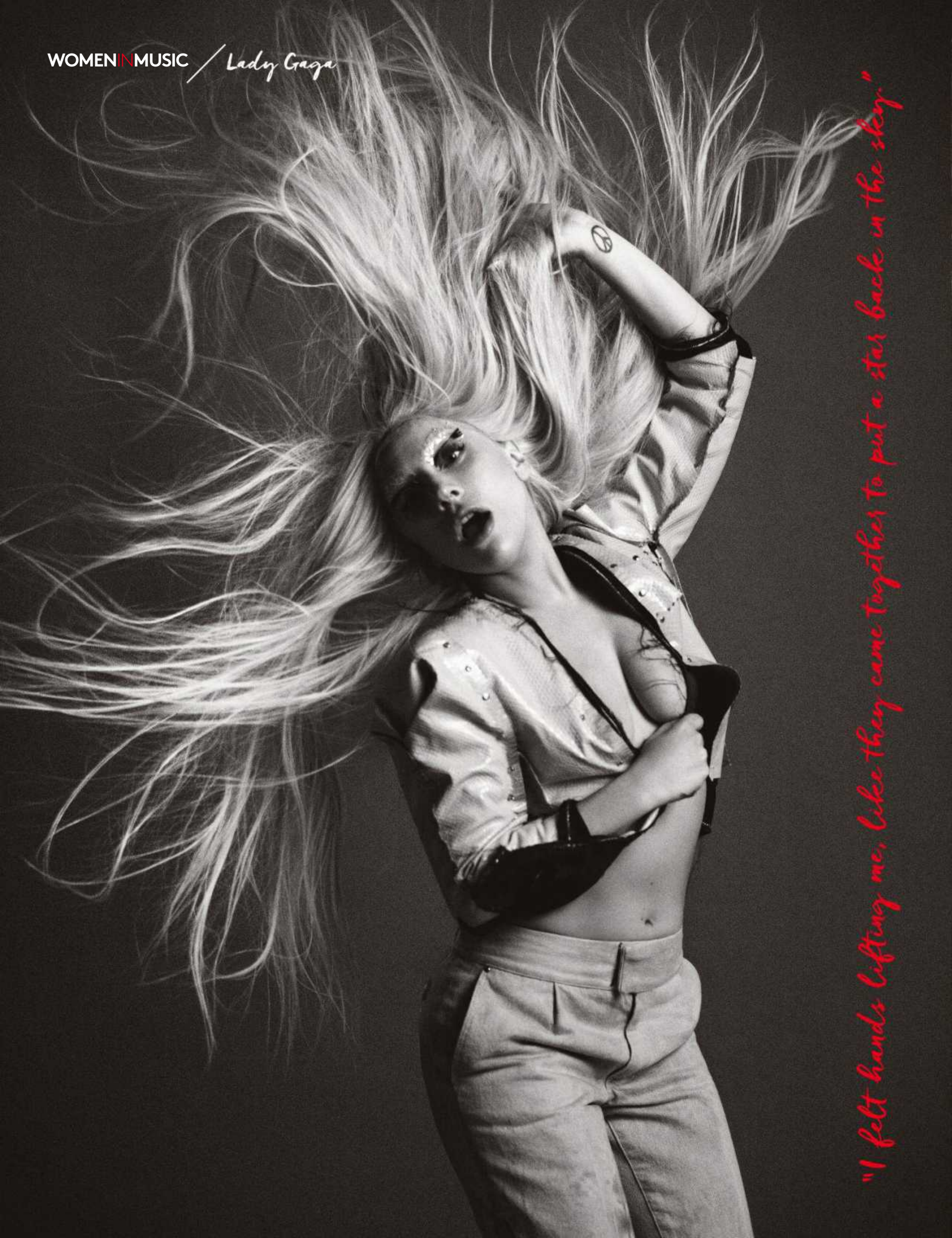
Received the Young Artist Award at the National Arts Awards (her "most meaningful" honor) before a crowd including Jeff Koons, Klaus Biesenbach and fellow honoree Sophia Loren.



OCT. 24

The Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and the Born This Way Foundation hosted the Emotion Revolution Summit, featuring panels and workshops by advocates and educators.





"I felt hands lifting me, like they came together to put a star back in the sky."





Campbell and Gaga
photographed
Nov. 21 at Pier 59
Studios in New York.

THE CONFIDANT BEHIND GAGA'S RESURGENCE

Manager Bobby Campbell on pressing the "reset" button and driving his sole client to be "the icon that she is"

WHEN LADY GAGA PERFORMED at the Academy Awards in February, the only hint of her *Fame Monster* persona were dual arm tattoos exposed by her sleeveless, shimmering Alaïa gown. "It was just her, her talent and a microphone," manager Bobby Campbell, 30, says of the performance. For the global TV audience that was watching, it was a reminder that, at her core, the bleeding-edge performance artist is a classically talented entertainer, something Campbell says he learned in 2007 when he began working Gaga's releases as a

marketing coordinator at her label Interscope Geffen A&M. In 2010, he joined her then-manager Troy Carter's Atom Factory and took over the top job when he and Gaga exited the company in late 2013. Campbell spoke to *Billboard* about balancing art and business with Gaga, noting: "If she's not feeling artistically inspired every day, I'm failing."

—FRANK DIGIACOMO

WAS THE OSCARS PERFORMANCE STRATEGIC?

It wasn't so scientific that we said, "The big goal for 2015 is to change

perception of her." But from the time I began managing her, I saw there was a vocal minority that didn't respect her for all that she brings to the table. I wanted to change that, to set her up to be the icon that she is.

WHAT NEEDED FIXING?

You've seen the articles: She was "eccentric," "too artsy." People were judging her unfairly, so I wanted to press the "reset" button.

IT CAN'T BE EASY TO SAY NO TO LADY GAGA.

I'm not the kind of person that will stand in her way. That's not the

nature of our relationship. We're usually on the same page, but sometimes we'll challenge each other. She loves feedback and loves to be pushed to do her best. But she's got a vision, and I believe in it. If she says to me, "I've got to do this," then we do it.

WHAT DOES THE COMING YEAR HOLD?

Right now, we're focused on *American Horror Story*. After that, it's clear that new music will be on the horizon. Next year, I think we'll show a new chapter of her as an artist and as a musician.

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ONE WOMAN'S OWN BLACK AND WHITE BALL

1 ULYANA SERGEENKO COUTURE THE ARTS CLUB, 2012

The Russian designer's dramatic jacquard gown with peplum details at the hips revealed a feminine side of the pop singer, who bunched up the oversized train and swished it around as though it were a performance prop.

2 ATELIER VERSACE ATELIER VERSACE HAUTE COUTURE SPRING SHOW, 2014

Gaga, who was then the face of Versace's spring campaign, donned a crystal-hooded dress that provided stark contrast to her pale face and platinum hair — and the long train she held with her fingers only added to the drama.

3 BRANDON MAXWELL FOX EMMY AFTERPARTY, 2015

The star was an alabaster vision in this custom strapless dress from Maxwell's debut collection. "It was the finale look, so we did it in white for her," he says. The voluminous sleeves, which connected across her back, heightened the glamour.

4 ALEXANDRE VAULTIER COUTURE BAZAAR ICONS PARTY, 2014

Like Gaga herself, the look defied expectations — is it a tuxedo? A dress? Are those fishnets? — but the sum total of the outfit is classic Gaga. A plunging black jacket with strong shoulder pads was at once severe and feminine.

5 ALEXIS MABILLE COUTURE MUSICARES BENEFIT, 2014

She looked every bit the refined woman in this keyhole gown with pleated bodice and bejeweled waistband that was made edgy with sunglasses and a Scarface-era Michelle Pfeiffer haircut.

6 BALENCIAGA MET GALA, 2015

The kimono-inspired, custom Alexander Wang number with a feathered and crystal-embellished jacket amazed with its sheer volume. "They sat together and went through every fabric, every jewel," says Maxwell. "It was very collaborative."

7 ALAIA ACADEMY AWARDS, 2015

For her showstopping Oscars moment, the singer wore a custom dress with the red leather gloves that launched a thousand memes. "It was the first time [Alaia] had done an Oscar dress," says Maxwell. "It took six people to put [it] over her head." —JASON CHEN

Gaga in a Maxwell original at the 2015 Emmy Awards.

THE MAN WHO MAKES GAGA GLAM

Brandon Maxwell, the singer's stylist, and newly minted designer, on the meaning of friendship

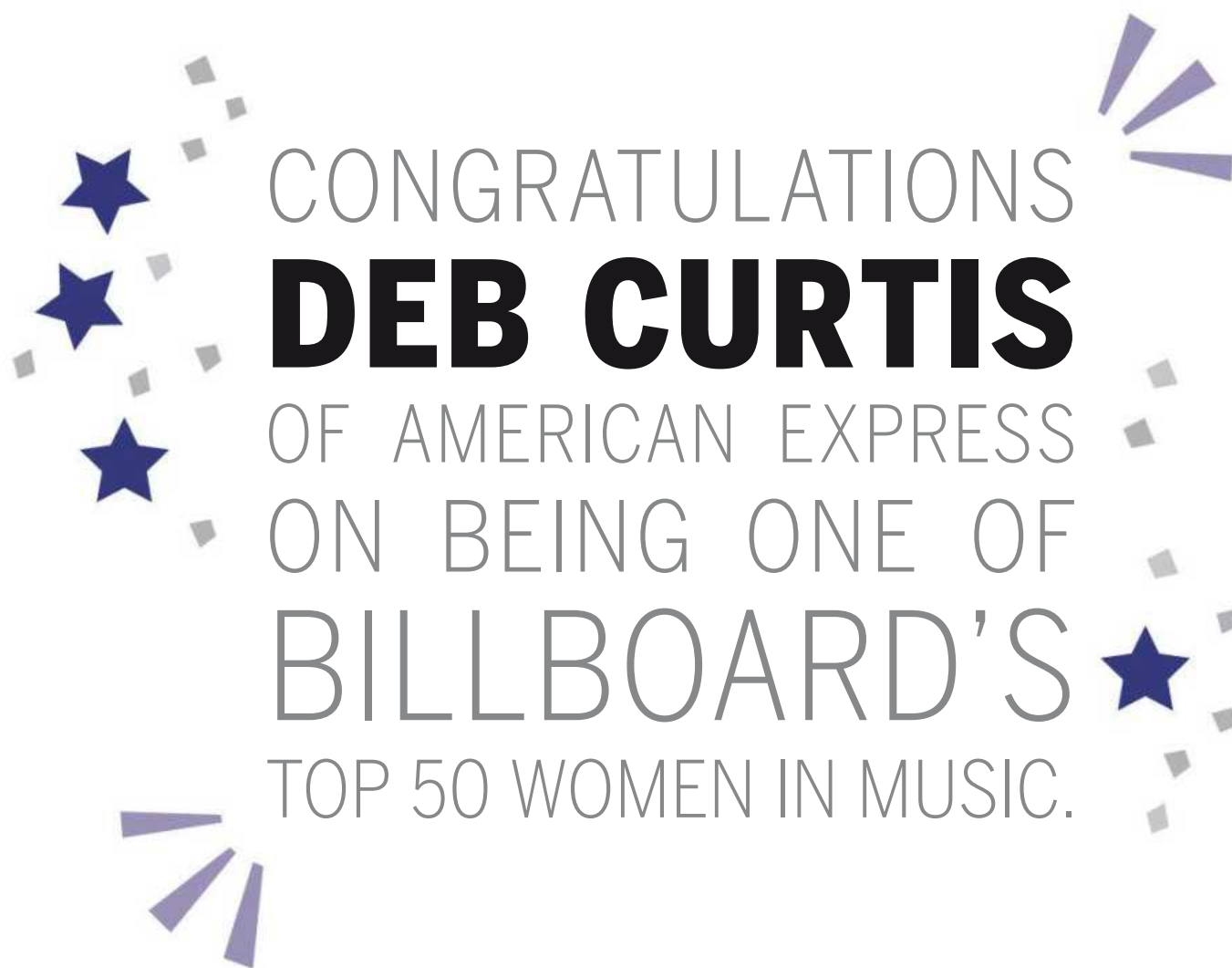


THE FIRST TIME WE met was about five years ago. She had just put out "Bad Romance," and we were shooting a magazine cover. She knew I was new [to former stylist Nicola Formichetti's team] and walked up to me, said hello and gave me a hug. She was the same as she is now.

We started traveling the world together, and she was putting out album after album, tour after tour. Sometimes we found ourselves in different countries and just with each other, and we were going through so many life experiences at the same time. It feels like I met another sister, because that's how we are — every morning we talk. I'm proud of the work we've done and the things we've created, but I guess I'm almost more proud of the 3 a.m. conversations.

She saw something in me when I was younger that I didn't see in myself. The first dress I made for her was when she was promoting the album with Tony Bennett [in 2014]. It was blue velvet with a turban, and it was a defining moment. It was also my 30th birthday. She couldn't be there, but we had this big party in Texas and out come 30 naked men with champagne. I'm mortified — my parents were there! She had the house filled with men and champagne.

Before my New York runway show [in September, for his debut collection], she flew in four days early and stayed with my family and me. She told me, "You're probably not going to remember this later, because it's going to be such a crazy time." I've been with her when she goes onstage, the big moments in her life, so it was weird to see the roles reversed. She was there for castings, fittings, hair and makeup tests. The day of the show, I went slightly numb and she said, "Go home, take a bath, relax. I'll handle it here for now." When I walked into the show space later, everything was in order. I look back on that, and if she hadn't been there that day, I don't know what would've happened. She sort of saved the day. —AS TOLD TO SHANNON ADDUCCI



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LEGEND

Loretta Lynn

The coal miner's daughter from Kentucky was one of the first songwriters to tackle women's issues like birth control and divorce. Now 83, with a catalog of more than 200 songs and 55 albums, and a new one on the way, the Queen of Country Music still hasn't softened: "Call me your No. 1 you-know-what-kind-of stirrer"

BY ALEX MORRIS • PHOTOGRAPHED BY RAMONA ROSALES

LORETTA LYNN WAS 28 YEARS OLD WHEN she got her first pair of high heels. They were gold, fancier than anything she had ever owned. "I was up all night long in this hotel in Iowa, just walking back and forth, trying to walk in them high heels," she recalls over the phone from her ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. "I don't know how many times I fell." By her show the next night, she hadn't quite mastered the technique. "When I got out on that stage, people thought I was drunk. So I pulled them off. And I stood there barefooted and sang. The crowd didn't want me to leave. That was a good moment."

That night was 55 years ago, but Lynn's homespun humanity has been a defining feature of a career that has stayed strong for those five-plus decades. Her background may be the stuff of legend — the Kentucky coal miner's daughter and mother of six who propelled herself from a mountain cabin to superstardom with a distinctive voice and a \$17 guitar — but few artists seem so relatable or are so beloved.

And few have been so prolific. At 83, Lynn has written more than 200 songs and released more than 55 albums. A 1980 film based on her best-selling 1976 autobiography, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, earned seven Academy Award nominations and won Sissy Spacek an Oscar for best actress. Inducted into more music halls of fame than any other female recording artist, Lynn received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013.

She also forged this success in a time when women country singers were a rarity — when, as she puts it, "Women were kind of held down." That she wrote not just about love and heart-break but also double-standards (1972's "Rated X"), the frank inelegance of motherhood (1972's "One's on the Way") and contraception

("This old maternity dress I've got/Is going in the garbage/The clothes I'm wearing from now on/Won't take up so much yardage" she sang in 1975's "The Pill") pushed the boundaries of female songwriting and permanently opened doors for women in country music.

Despite being banned by numerous radio stations, her most controversial songs still made the charts. ("The Pill" hit No. 70 on the Billboard Hot 100.) She has reportedly sold more than 45 million records worldwide.

Today, Lynn — who never remarried after her husband of 48 years, Oliver "Doolittle," died in 1996 — regularly tours with three of her children, who help comprise her backing band, The Coal Miners: Ernest Ray, 62, and 51-year-old twins Patsy and Peggy.

On March 4, 2016, Lynn will release *Full Circle*, her first album since *Van Lear Rose*, a 2004 collaboration with Jack White that won her two Grammys. "When this album comes out, I want to work it just like I've done always," she says. "And I can't wait." The Queen of Country recently talked with *Billboard* about making music, having babies and Donald Trump.

YOU WERE ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN MUSICIANS TO TAKE ON CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS LIKE BIRTH CONTROL AND DIVORCE.

Oh, yeah, you can call me your No. 1 you-know-what-kind-of stirrer. Always stirring stuff. When I'd put out a record, they'd say, "Uh oh, another dirty song." "Rated X"? They thought that was going to be bad. But hey, it sold. "One's on the Way"? They thought that song would really be dirty. But everything I sang about was everyday living.

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT TO TACKLE THOSE TOPICS?

Nobody had done it, for one thing, and I thought it should be done. A woman shouldn't

be looked down on. There wouldn't be one on the way if it wasn't for a man, would there?

RIGHT. THERE WERE REPERCUSSIONS, THOUGH. RADIO STATIONS WOULDN'T PLAY YOUR MUSIC.

Some of the disc jockeys I knew — and we all knew each other — I'd be sending them records when they came out, and they would listen and find out the record wasn't a dirty song. A preacher come by the dressing room in Kansas, I think it was, and he said, "Loretta, the song that you have out right now is one of the greatest things that you could do for a 15-year-old girl." It was [1968's] "What Kind of a Girl Do You Think I Am." It just told a great story — there was nothing dirty about it. None of them were ever *that* dirty. "Rated X" was about as mean as I got.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY CHANGE FOR WOMEN DURING THE PAST 55 YEARS?

Oh, it has opened the doors for all of them. When I started singing, there weren't that many women singing. Kitty Wells, Jean Shepard, Patsy Cline.

DO YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING OPEN DOORS FOR OTHER WOMEN?

I think I have done quite a bit. I'm probably one of the girl singers who have helped other girl singers getting in the business, because it is harder for girls to get on labels and be out there.

WHAT MAKES IT HARDER?

For me, it was being married and having one kid after another. I had twins when I just started singing. We didn't know we were going to have twins until the day they were born. I think it's harder on a woman than it is a man. I really do.

WHO INSPIRED YOU WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED?

Patsy Cline was one. I tried to sing just like Kitty Wells. (Laughs.) I never made it.

HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM THAT YOUNG GIRL?

I have learned a lot. Some of the records that come out [today] are a lot worse than my records ever thought about being. (Laughs.) But whatever the trend, you can bet I'll be in that: I'm not going to sit back and let somebody else take over the writing, the singing. As long as I'm on this earth, I will try to be on top somewhere. If you don't feel that way, you don't need to be in the music business.

WHAT CURRENT FEMALE PERFORMERS DO YOU LIKE?

I love Miranda [Lambert]. Me and Miranda are close, and she's one of our country's best. I like Carrie Underwood.

DO YOU STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH JACK WHITE?

Oh, yeah. He's my friend. I love Jack White. Me and Jack, we get together quite a bit. He's the closest person to me in the music business.

WHAT MAKES YOU TWO RELATE SO WELL?

I don't know. When me and him worked in

Opposite page: Lynn photographed Nov. 4 at her ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. About the portrait hanging above her mantel, Lynn says "a boy in Kentucky painted that when I first started singing and sent it to me."

CAREER

HIGHLIGHTS

Earned 39 top 10s on the Top Country Albums chart, with 11 No. 1s

Achieved 16 No. 1s on the Hot Country Songs chart

In 1972, first woman to win the Country Music Association's entertainer of the year award

Published three books, including best-selling 1976 memoir *Coal Miner's Daughter*

Inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1988

Received Kennedy Center Honors in 2003

Hit No. 2 on the Top Country Albums chart with the Jack White-produced *Van Lear Rose*

Inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2008

Won four Grammys, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010

Subject of new *American Masters* PBS documentary, which will air March 4, 2016



Lynn with twins Peggy (left) and Patsy in Hurricane Mills, Tenn., in 1972.

Manhattan [White booked Lynn's New York show in 2003], I said when the show was over, "Jack, I've got to go home now, because I've got to get ready to do my session." He says, "What session?" I say, "I'm recording in a week, and I got to get my songs ready." He says, "How about me recording you?" This was when Jack was just a kid, but I thought, "Well, why not?" And he beat me to Nashville. He wanted to be there to record me.

WHAT DO YOU DO TOGETHER?

We just tell each other lies. *(Laughs.)* We go and eat. We talk on the phone. Whatever comes up. He's a real good kid.

WHAT'S A NORMAL DAY AT HOME FOR YOU?

I'm not home a whole lot, but when I am, I do whatever I want. I watch TV. I water the flowers. I watch the news — that's how I stay in the know. I read the Bible a lot.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Oh, goodness, the last three to four years, we've been recording. I

recorded 93 songs, and I'm going to record some more, too. I've got all this stuff from the time I started singing when I was a little girl.

YOU HAVE WRITTEN MORE THAN 200 SONGS. DO YOU FIND THAT REMARKABLE?

I'd rather write than sing. Writing always has helped me get through any trouble I had. After I got through writing a song about what was going on, I felt better.

YOU HAVE PERFORMED AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENTS NIXON, CARTER, REAGAN, BUSH SR. AND BUSH JR. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCE?

Jimmy Carter [in 1977]. There's no backstage, and the place was packed. But he sent me a note that said, "Sing 'One's on the Way' and 'They Don't Make 'Em Like Daddy Anymore' and 'Coal Miner's Daughter.'" I thought, "Well, shoot, this is what he wants me to sing," so I sang them.

YOU RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM IN 2013. WHAT WAS YOUR

IMPRESSION OF PRESIDENT OBAMA?

I like Obama, and I like his wife. I liked Bill Clinton, too. Of course, I always felt like I knew Bill. When I was up there getting that award, Bill came over and said, "Loretta, we've both lost someone this year that we really loved." I thought, "Who could that be?" I wasn't thinking straight. He said, "Levon, who played your daddy in *Coal Miner's Daughter* — Levon Helm." That tore me up. [Helm] was a good guy. While he was doing the movie, I couldn't be around him that much — I couldn't sit down beside him — [he] reminded me so much of my daddy. I just wanted to hang on to him.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

I think Donald Trump is going to be our next president.

HAVE YOU MET HIM?

Yep. I like him. I mean, Donald's Donald. *(Laughs.)*

YOU REALLY HAVE HAD AN AMAZING LIFE.

Yeah, I look back and see the artists I'd met when I'd first come to Nashville, and they haven't been on the road in 30 years. I'm still hitting that road and doing as much as I always did. I never drank, I never smoked. I always took care of myself like that. I've been singing for a long time. And I haven't quit.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT RETIRING?

Naw. When they lay me down six feet under, [then] they can say, "Loretta's quit singing." I'll have on one of my gowns. That's morbid, but it's the truth.

WHAT ARE YOUR WORRIES?

Not a thing. I sleep well. God has been good to me, hasn't he? ●

4 ESSENTIAL LYNN SONGS

BY KACEY MUSGRAVES

The 27-year-old singer-songwriter, who performed with Lynn at the 2014 CMA Awards, picks the Queen of Country Music's most unforgettable tracks



"YOU AIN'T WOMAN ENOUGH" (1966)

What a great hook: "You ain't woman enough/ To take my man." One of the first Loretta songs I ever learned and still a favorite — and still hilarious today.

"FIST CITY" (1968)

I'm pretty sure Loretta would definitely take you to Fist City and look damn good while doing it. I love that her songs were sassy and humorous, but also simple and well-written.

"THE PILL" (1975)

She may have been banned from radio because of this single, but it's what cemented her as a strong and fiercely forward-thinking songwriter — with a sense of humor.

"PORTLAND, OREGON" (2004)

I was so delighted to see her work with Jack White, and it was interesting to hear his young take on her iconic brand. I dig this song's vibe.



"I have no idea how many gowns I have — I'd have to start counting," says Lynn. For exclusive video of Lynn talking about her legendary career and a behind-the-scenes video at her home, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.



"I'm not going to say I'm the greatest, but I will say that you won't find another Missy," says Elliott, photographed by Ruven Afanador on Nov. 6 at ROOT NYC in New York.

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

"WTF" ascended to No. 22 on the Billboard Hot 100 in just its second week on the chart

Performed with Katy Perry on the most-watched Super Bowl halftime show in NFL history

Sold nearly 350,000 song downloads during the week after the Super Bowl

Teased a 2016 album: "But I don't want to give you a time!"

INNOVATOR

Missy Elliott

THE NIGHT BEFORE SHE RELEASED her first major single in a decade, Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott composed an emoji-loaded tweet that ended with two words: "buckle up." The next morning, on Nov. 12, the video for "WTF (Where They From)" premiered on YouTube in all its future-funky glory. Reaching No. 22 in its second week on the Billboard Hot 100, it became Elliott's biggest hit as a lead artist, racking up 3 million total streams that day. The single's reception mirrored the outpouring of love she received in February, after her guest spot during Katy Perry's Super Bowl halftime show. This year proved that the 44-year-old MC is nowhere near done with her mission to reshape hip-hop and

pop. An album of tracks she has been working on with Pharrell Williams and Timbaland should arrive in 2016. "She's like a living myth, but she's the real thing," says Williams. "I was just ready for the next installment." —JONATHAN RINGEN

HER FAVORITE DAY (AND NIGHT) OF 2015

"I'm so thankful that Katy invited me to join her at the Super Bowl. To see the positive reaction of millions and feel the love from my fans will always stay with me. My favorite night was hanging with Janet Jackson and her husband. We had a blast! It's wonderful to see her back on tour, and she dropped an incredible album. I was blessed to help write her song 'Burn It Up.' I'm Team Janet!"

HER FITNESS CHALLENGE

"Deciding to eat healthier and being stress-free. I feel better, stronger and happier. My favorite new gadget is an elliptical bike. To wake up every day and know that it's right there in front of me is great motivation."

HEARING HER INFLUENCE ON RADIO

"There's some Missy DNA out there, for sure. I don't mind. But when Missy came out, you didn't compare Missy to anyone else."

CURRENTLY BINGE-WATCHING

"My favorite show is still *Martin* — I can watch hours and hours of it. The dynamic between the characters makes me laugh every single time."

CHART-TOPPER

Selena Gomez

AT 23, SELENA GOMEZ HAS held down a career for longer than a lot of full-fledged adults — and, not to rub it in, one that has been far more successful. Despite having worked since childhood — she landed a *Barney & Friends* role at the age of 10 — the former Disney star says, “I still feel like I’m the girl from Texas. My mom would still be mad if I didn’t say ‘please’ and ‘thank you.’”

But in 2015, Gomez set out to show how much she has grown up. With her second solo album, *Revival* (which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 in October), the singer-actor introduced an increasingly mature style — from steamy first single “Good for You” (featuring ASAP Rocky) to her choice to pose nearly nude for the cover art. Also, this year, Gomez went

public about her battle with lupus in *Billboard*’s cover story. It all fits the theme: At the core, *Revival* is about being true to yourself, even when that means raw exposure. “Strength represents a vulnerability,” she says. “This was the first time I was able to really trust myself and go with my gut.”

—JEN DOLL

EARLY FIXATION

“Judy Garland. I was obsessed with *The Wizard of Oz*. I didn’t realize until I was older that she lived a tragic life.”

THE LUPUS CIRCUS

“It has been overwhelming and the response has been very supportive, which is nice — but it still makes me a little uncomfortable. I waited for the right time to talk about it because I am in a great place and

I’m very healthy. I’m not trying to be loud about it: It was time to use my platform to help.”

THE ALBUM-ART ISSUE

“One of my favorite album covers is Miguel’s *Wildheart*. He’s shirtless, he’s got a woman on him, and it’s so beautiful. But that’s looked at as a piece of art, whereas people are questioning my album cover — or my character.”

ONSCREEN DREAM

“I would totally love to work with Meryl Streep — it doesn’t even have to be a whole film. I could be the waitress that comes in and just says, ‘Hi.’”

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, THE YEAR 2015

“A good 8. A lot of ups and downs, but they helped shape who I am.”

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Scored first No. 1 on *Billboard*’s Mainstream Top 40 airplay chart with “Good for You” — also her biggest *Billboard* Hot 100 hit, peaking at No. 5

Starred in the James Franco-directed feature film *In Dubious Battle*

Portrayed supervillain “Arsyn” in Taylor Swift’s all-star “Bad Blood” video

Discovered Netflix crime series *Narcos*: “I love it!”

“Women are held to a certain standard, but it’s such a cool time because so many female artists are talking about that,” says Gomez, photographed by Zoey Grossman on Aug. 31 in Los Angeles.



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TRAILBLAZER

Lana Del Rey

IN THE VIDEO FOR “HIGH BY the Beach,” her Billboard Hot 100 hit from August, Lana Del Rey shoots down a paparazzi helicopter while wearing a nightgown. This is a fitting depiction of the 30-year-old’s persona in 2015, a character of effortless cool and capricious self-protection who’s just as likely to declare admiration for Scarlett O’Hara as she is for one of the world’s leading Alzheimer’s researchers. This year, Del Rey released her fourth LP, *Honeymoon*, which landed at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 and showcased her

disparate interests by referencing “Rapper’s Delight,” The Eagles and Billie Holiday. “The most encouraging thing about the climate for artists right now is there’s not such a narrow lane for what is considered ‘pop,’” says Del Rey. “I feel like anything goes — and hopefully pop songs will continue to have a little more depth and texture behind them.” —CAMILLE DODERO

INTENSE CONVERSATIONS

“I love the discussions I had with Elon Musk this year, and I enjoyed my talk with [geneticist/molecular

biologist] John Hardy, who is trying to understand what causes Alzheimer’s.”

HER SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION

“One of the most promising techniques I learned about was optogenetics: a biological technique that involves the use of light to control cells in living tissue.”

HER YOUTUBE VIEWING

“I went back and looked at a lot of documentaries on actors and historical figures I admire. I especially liked *James*

Cagney: Top of the World and the Biography Channel’s *Henry Ford: Tin Lizzy Tycoon*.”

ICONIC WOMEN (REAL AND FICTIONAL)

“I love Joan Baez and Julie London. I love their voices, and I relate to their artistic nuances, as well as what they stood for. Also, I love Scarlett O’Hara and Joan of Arc.”

THE ITALIAN COAST

“I really loved being in Portofino this year — the beautiful buildings that date back hundreds of years, the weather and the culture.”



2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 with *Honeymoon*

Embarked on the 20-date Endless Summer Tour, which included eight shows with Courtney Love

Featured on "Prisoner" from The Weeknd's *Beauty Behind the Madness*

Covered Daniel Johnston's "Some Things Last a Long Time" for a short film about the outsider artist

Del Rey photographed by Joe Pugliese on Oct. 2 in Los Angeles.

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Reached No. 4 on the Top Country Albums chart with *The First Time*

Nominated for two Country Music Association Awards and a CMT Music Award

Adopted Dibs, a labradoodle named for her second single: "He's painfully adorable. It's killing me"

RISING STAR

Kelsea Ballerini

KELSEA BALLERINI HAILS from Mascot, Tenn. (population: 2,400), less than 200 miles from Nashville, but it seems like she has come a lot further in her 22 years. The singer-songwriter (she wrote or co-wrote every track on her debut album, 2015's *The First Time*) is the first female solo country artist to hit No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Country Airplay chart with a debut single ("Love Me Like You Mean It") since Carrie Underwood in 2009, and only the 11th in history to manage the feat. But even with her stratospheric ascent in 2015 — she ranks the year a "250" on a scale from 1 to 10 — Ballerini says she struggles to be taken seriously as a female artist, especially in the time of "Tomato-gate." (In May, an industry consultant described women as merely the "tomatoes" in country radio's proverbial salad.) But the adversity is just fuel for the fire, she says: "I still have a lot to prove, which is a good thing."

—ANNA PEELE

BEFRIENDING HER IDOLS...

"I went to my first CMA Music Fest when I was 14 and waited in line for two hours to meet two people: Taylor Swift and Hillary Scott from Lady Antebellum. It's very ironic, but not accidental that those two people refer to me as their 'little sister' now."

...AND POSSIBLY CREEPING THEM OUT

"At the American Country Countdown Awards, I walked out to Kelly Clarkson's tour bus and knocked on her door, like a complete creeper. I was like, 'I went to your concert when I was 14. You had these two screens of your eyes onstage, they winked, and you told me in that moment I was supposed to be artist.' She was like, 'Uh...' She was so kind though."

IN: 'BRA COUNTRY.' OUT: 'BRO COUNTRY'

"Right now is such an awesome time to be a girl in country music. There's this huge wave of us, with Cam, Mickey Guyton and Maddie & Tae. I am not anti 'bro country,' but a women era is starting — Sara Evans called it 'bra country.'"

"For a while I tried to be super-polished, but that's just not who I am — I'm clumsy and normal," says Ballerini, photographed by David McClister on June 30 at Sinema in Nashville. For exclusive video of Ballerini, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

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POWERHOUSE

Brittany Howard

AS LEAD SINGER/GUITARIST of Alabama Shakes, Brittany Howard, 27, has established herself as a mighty live performer — a soul-baring vocalist with the delivery of a cyclone. In April, her Southern-rock band earned its first No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with sophomore full-length *Sound & Color*, speeding up Howard's evolution from retro-blues rookie to wildly admired all-star. By August, the Georgia native was onstage at Lollapalooza with Paul McCartney, who invited her to join him on "Get Back." On Sept. 8, she ushered in *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert* as part of a musical ensemble that included Mavis Staples. In October, Howard paid tribute to Eddie Murphy by performing a duet of Sam Moore's "Hold On, I'm Comin'" with the soul legend at the comedian's Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize ceremony.

Topping it all off, the success of *Sound & Color* brought Alabama Shakes' total album sales to more than 1 million copies, according to Nielsen Music. "My family's really proud," says Howard. "Maybe it hasn't all sunk in, or maybe I'm just in shock."

—CAMILLE DODERO

GUEST OF SIR PAUL

"I overprepared. I had blisters all over my fingers from playing solos over and over — I didn't want to freak out and forget what I was doing. Then, it was easier than I thought, and he was so nice: 'Oh, Brittany, so glad you're here!' I felt so welcome. It wasn't at all weird that he was a Beatle."

HER LADY HEROES

"Bjork. Erykah Badu. Memphis Minnie. Nina Simone. The guitar player from Heart, Nancy Wilson. This badass drummer, Meytal Cohen."

DINNER WITH DAVE CHAPPELLE

"I met Dave Chappelle at Eddie Murphy's Kennedy Center ceremony. He took the time to invite me and my people out to dinner with all these famous comedians. He treated us all the same — as he would Chris Rock. I was so impressed with that. I was like, 'Man, that's definitely how I want to be.' He's a cool dude."

FISHING IN EASTERN EUROPE

"You don't see any vacation packages for Poland, but it's really fun. They were so hungry for music. The promoters took me fishing and I caught a rainbow trout — and I'd never even seen a rainbow trout."

THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

"I don't give a f—! (*Laughs.*) You can write that down in capital letters."



Howard photographed by Austin Hargrave on Nov. 23 in Nashville. For exclusive video of her talking about making music in the "Internet age," go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Alabama Shakes became one of only eight female-fronted rock bands ever to top the Billboard 200

Notched three top 40 hits on the Hot Rock Songs chart

Reached No. 2 on the Triple A airplay chart with "Don't Wanna Fight"

Howard released debut LP with side project Thunderbitch

RULEBREAKER

Demi Lovato

MY 2015 HAS BEEN incredible," says Demi Lovato, 23, whose fifth album *Confident* arrived in November. "People look at me as an artist that has been around for a while, rather than another former Disney star." Sure enough, Lovato's most recent record debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200, bolstered by the coyly bicurious lead single "Cool for the Summer" and the triumphant title track. Even more spectacular, though, was watching *Confident*'s declaration of self-love at work in her own life. Lovato — who has been frank about her struggles with addiction, depression and body image — never has been afraid to show her vulnerabilities. But with the launch of her mental-health campaign "Be Vocal: Speak Up for Mental Health" in May, which led her to speak even more openly about living with bipolar disorder, she also showcased her hard-earned self-confidence (even posing nude in an unretouched, makeup-free *Vanity Fair* photo shoot). This was the year Lovato redefined "fearless." —MEAGHAN GARVEY

CELEBRITY SKIN

"The biggest struggle isn't being a 'woman in the industry,' it's being a 'celebrity': People feel entitled to demand things because they feel you belong to them. To me, it's less about gender and more about fame."

ON GOING NUDE AND MAKEUP-FREE

"The response has been incredible. I'm really glad people understood the meaning and the purpose behind it."

ULTIMATE COLLABORATION

"If I was able to record a song with Kelly Clarkson, that would be a dream come true."

ON REPEAT

"Tove Lo's 'Talking Body' and [Hailee Steinfeld's] 'Love Myself' — they're probably the songs I listened to most this year."

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 with *Confident*

Hit No. 11 on the Billboard Hot 100 with "Cool for the Summer"

Lobbied legislators on behalf of advocacy campaign "Be Vocal"

Released Demi Lovato: Path to Fame mobile app

Visited Sweden twice: "I really enjoyed Stockholm!"

Lovato photographed by Austin Hargrave on Sept. 18 in Las Vegas. For exclusive video of Lovato talking about her role-model status, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

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GROUP OF THE YEAR

Fifth Harmony

2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 with *Reflection*

Notched first airplay chart top 10 with "Worth It"

Performed at the White House

Took home three surfboard trophies at the Teen Choice Awards

Visited Michael Jackson's childhood home in Gary, Ind.: "It was very emotional," says Hamilton

"The industry could be better for women, but we've come a long way," says Hamilton. From left: Cabello, Hamilton, Hansen, Jauregui and Hernandez photographed by Ramona Rosales on Jan. 21 at The Orlando Hotel in Los Angeles. For exclusive video of Fifth Harmony discussing other 2015 highlights, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

IN 2015, FIFTH HARMONY SANG for President Barack Obama at the White House Easter Egg Roll, dominated the youth-awards show circuit with debut album *Reflection* (which peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard 200) and scored its biggest hit when "Worth It" (featuring Kid Ink) surged to No. 12 on the Billboard Hot 100. In fact, the most successful alumni of *The X Factor*'s American run accomplished so much this year, they need help remembering the best bits. "I'm having a brain fart right now," says Dinah Jane Hansen, 18, giggling. "I'll never forget performing with Taylor Swift for as long as I live," pipes in Camilla Cabello, 18, remembering when her group joined the pop star onstage in August. "She is the embodiment of

what it means to be a strong woman in the music industry."

As artists born of the Internet, all 22 or younger, the five vocalists credit their legions of plugged-in fans, the Harmonizers, with their success — and consider that loyalty a responsibility. "It's our duty to be a voice for them," says Normani Hamilton, 19. "Being a woman, and killing it, is *awesome*." —SHARON STEEL

WOMEN THEY LOOK UP TO

HANSEN "Lauryn Hill. I admire her bravery and her strength. Hands down to the queen. Nicki Minaj, as well."

LAUREN JAUREGUI, 19 "I'm going to second Dinah — I'm all about Lauryn Hill. Also, I love Lana Del Rey."

HAMILTON "Beyoncé. She started a

movement within feminism, and I love that she wasn't afraid."

ALLY BROOKE HERNANDEZ, 22 "Jennifer Lopez. She opened so many doors for Latinas such as myself. Also, Adele."

NOT YOUR TYPICAL GIRLS

JAUREGUI "The media glorifies the ideal woman and what she's supposed to look like — none of us look like the typical girl."

HAMILTON "There's not one type of beauty. You need to look in the mirror and say, 'I'm the only one with *these* hips. I'm the only one with *this* chest.' And it's beautiful."

CABELLO "I barely have a chest."

HAMILTON "Your chest is *beautiful*."

CABELLO "It's a *beautiful*, tiny chest!"

HAMILTON "Yes, and that's OK!"





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HIGHLIGHTS

Scored two Hot 100 hits with "Should've Been Us" and "Nobody Love"

Nominated for favorite breakout artist at the 2016 People's Choice Awards

Cast alongside Scarlett Johansson in Universal Studios' animated musical film *Sing*

"I'm still up-and-coming," says Kelly, photographed by Meredith Jenks on June 17 in Brooklyn. For exclusive video of Kelly talking about her Paramore fandom, go to Billboard.com or Billboard.com/ipad.

BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST

Tori Kelly

TORI KELLY WON AMERICA'S *Most Talented Kids* when she was 11, advanced to Hollywood Week on *American Idol* in 2010 and became a YouTube sensation after her cover of Frank Ocean's "Thinkin Bout You" went viral in 2012. But even though she has spent half her life in show business, the 22-year-old singer-songwriter from Windomar, Calif., emerged this year in an unexpectedly huge way — first with a standout performance at the Billboard Music Awards, then with the No. 2 Billboard 200 debut of her first LP, *Unbreakable Smile*. "I'm

definitely looked at as a new artist," says Kelly. "But everything has just been a gradual growth throughout the last 10 years."

That decade of preparation has allowed Kelly to slip easily from a quiet, no-frills crooner into a stage-commanding pop star — as she did at the 2015 MTV Video Music Awards, slaying her bluesy torch song "Should've Been Us" so masterfully that Pink pledged lifelong fandom on Twitter. "As a kid, I would always dream about this happening, and having it happen doesn't make it any less awesome."

—SHARON STEEL

FAN-GIRLING

"I did the BET Awards with Smokey Robinson, which was incredible. I also met Justin Timberlake, and was fan-girling so hard. We talked about possibly working together. And I put Prince on the guest list when I was in Minneapolis. He walked in right when we started a cover of 'Kiss' and invited us to his place afterward."

DO-IT-YOURSELF

"Even if you're not told this directly, the message for women in the industry can be, 'Oh, you shouldn't produce.' Or, 'You should just be the

singer.' So I get excited when other women take on the whole project — write it, produce it, sing it. That's how I started out."

WOMEN SHE'D LOVE TO WORK WITH

"Jill Scott is definitely on the list. Gladys Knight has talked about me in interviews and I keep geeking out about that — I would love to do something with her. Also, Pink."

TOUR-BUS WIND DOWN

"I got hooked on *The Walking Dead*. After shows, I would run to the back of the bus and watch a new episode."

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expert or a royalty
expert. What I am is
somebody who is
passionate about music."

THE **50** MOST POWERFUL WOMEN IN MUSIC

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Jody Gerson

CHAIRMAN/CEO, UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP

BY SHIRLEY HALPERIN • PHOTOGRAPHED BY RAINER HOSCH

A YEAR AGO, JODY GERSON WAS preparing for one of the most important speeches she would give as chairman/CEO of Universal Music Publishing Group (UMPG) — her first.

More than 30 years into a successful career in music publishing, Gerson had ascended to a rarefied position of power: leadership of the second-largest music publisher and songwriting house of Elton John, U2 and Adele, which takes in annual revenue of about \$1 billion.

The town-hall-style address, which she delivered in person to 200 staffers at UMPG's Santa Monica headquarters and, via video conference, to hundreds more at satellite offices worldwide, followed a straightforward theme: music first, business second. Determined to change the culture of a company she says was "run by lawyers" prior to her January arrival, Gerson, petite and dressed in work-appropriate haute-hippie clothes, began with an introduction. "I told them who I'm not," she recalls. "I said, 'I'm not an attorney or an accountant; I'm not a copyright expert or a royalty expert. I'm not a songwriter or a musician. What I am is somebody who is passionate about music.'"

Gerson, 54, has a life's worth of experience to prove it, starting as a young girl growing up in the Philadelphia area, where her father owned several nightclubs that featured Frank Sinatra and Diana Ross, to her first industry job making tape copies at Chappell Music.

In 1991, she moved to EMI Music Publishing, ascending to run the East Coast office and, later, the West Coast during a 17-year stint. That was followed in 2008 by a co-president position at Sony/ATV, where Gerson would stay until 2014, when she left to helm UMPG. At each company, she built a reputation as an A&R whiz, signing Lady Gaga, Alicia Keys and Norah Jones.

"She's a vocal advocate for the songwriter as artist," says manager Ron Laffitte, whose clients Ryan Tedder and Pharrell Williams signed to Sony/ATV during Gerson's tenure. "I could talk to her about recording, the structure of songs, and she always made significant contributions to the record-making process."

As the first woman to run a major label's music publishing concern, Gerson admits she's "very conscious of being a woman in power. I grew up in a business that was a boys' club. Now I feel a responsibility to be in a sisterhood."

At UMPG, she's in good company. Gerson sees friends Universal Music Group executive vp Michele Anthony and Capitol Music Group COO Michelle Jubelirer regularly for lunch at her office or dinner at her Beverly Hills home. "We talk one another off the ledge," she says.

In 10 months on the job, Gerson has signed 20 artists, including Ariana Grande, Halsey and Adele collaborator Tobias Jesso Jr. Jesso, an indie act who commanded seven figures, tested her instincts. "He didn't make sense on paper," she says. "But I loved his album and took a shot.

I knew he was working with Adele, but who knew he would end up with a song on [her new album, 25]? Or with a single on Sia's latest?"

Although UMPG's revenue is up 4 percent year over year, and claimed a 10.5 percent market share of the top 100 radio songs in the third quarter (behind Sony/ATV, Warner/Chappell and Kobalt), music publishing has weathered turbulence in recent years. "It has gone from a pennies business to a fraction-of-a-penny business," says Gerson. The rise of streaming over downloads means much smaller payouts to writers, and there are legal battles over copyright law and the fight to force terrestrial radio to pay royalties to artists. "And it's not like the deals are getting any cheaper," she adds.

Gerson reveals that UMPG is looking to tap additional revenue streams as she and Anthony spearhead new film and TV development projects with the help of Vivendi-owned sister company Studio Canal. "We should be creating the next *Empire*, the next *Glee*, the next *Pitch Perfect*," she says.

A divorced mother of three — sons Julian, 21, and Luke, 13; and daughter Daisy, 11 — Gerson, who's dating Hollywood producer Gavin Polone, admits that work and home life don't always mesh, but she says her maternal instincts are an asset at UMPG. "I'm a nurturer by nature and I get to nurture," she says. "It's one reason why publishing is a great field for women."

"We're living in a very different, fast-moving, culturally diverse space, and you have to have resources for artists to explore those interests." —SARAH STENNETT

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◆ Banks and Tsuchii, based in London and Los Angeles, respectively, co-manage international touring for CAA, an increasingly important part of the agency's business. Banks worked on Katy Perry's Prismatic World Tour and guided up-and-comer Hozier to major festival spots, while Tsuchii is plotting Justin Bieber's 2016 global itinerary, after working in 2015 for such Billboard Boxscore leaders as Foo Fighters and Ariana Grande. Meanwhile, Kinzel helped her client Lana Del Rey set multiple venue records on her summer tour of amphitheaters.

SAMANTHA KIRBY YOH*

PARTNER/CO-HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT
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SARA NEWKIRK SIMON, 38

PARTNER/CO-HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT,
WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR



◆ As co-heads of WME's music department, New York-based Kirby Yoh (left) and Los Angeles-based Newkirk Simon scout opportunities for their diverse clientele on both coasts. Kirby Yoh cites the recent launch of the M2M fashion channel on Apple TV by WME and its affiliated IMG agency as a new exposure opportunity for clients Florence & The Machine, Grimes, FKA Twigs and Alicia Keys. Newkirk Simon guides Lady Gaga, Pharrell Williams and Selena Gomez with an eye on new career options; client Miguel has just joined the cast of the upcoming crime film *Live by Night*, starring Ben Affleck.

NATALIA NASTASKIN*

HEAD OF U.S. MUSIC OPERATIONS,
UNITED TALENT AGENCY



◆ The former CEO of the Agency Group USA spent the summer negotiating the acquisition of her 2,200-client firm by

United Talent Agency. "It's a major game-changer," says the New York-based Nastaskin, who opened a Miami office and created a college and casino booking division for her agency.

MARSHA VLASIC*

PRESIDENT, ARTIST GROUP INTERNATIONAL



◆ A veteran agent with a loyal client list of superstars and critically acclaimed acts (Neil Young, Elvis Costello, Muse, Regina Spektor, The Strokes, Band of Horses), Vlasic still seeks out additions to her roster. "There's always room for one more, especially when you're a Jewish mother," says the Brooklyn native. Highlights of her year included Young's tour backed by Promise of the Real (the band led by Willie Nelson's son Lukas) and Costello's Detour Tour.

CAROLINE YIM, 37

CONCERTS AGENT, ICM PARTNERS



◆ Under Yim's guidance, Kehlani Parrish — the 20-year-old former *America's Got Talent* contestant — embarked on her first solo tour. The Los Angeles native also has orchestrated road runs for Kendrick Lamar (13 intimate shows), The Internet (40 cities domestically), Earl Sweatshirt (62 cities) and duo Rae Sremmurd (with 155 dates booked). "This is my music," says the UCLA alumna. "I've been a hip-hopper from day one."

BRANDS

MARCIE ALLEN, 42

PRESIDENT, MAC PRESENTS

◆ Allen flies weekly between her home in Nashville and office in New York, which helps explain why she saw the potential in an airline-artist partnership. Among the deals her team brokered this year were a Southwest Airlines tour sponsorship for Imagine Dragons, including an in-flight concert. Thanks to diversification with clients like Microsoft Windows, revenue is up 20 percent over 2014 to a record eight figures, and Allen will begin 2016 by rolling out a Sundance Film Festival programming partnership in January with the venue Park City Live. She also promises a "breakthrough



Clockwise: Kinzel, Tsuchii and Banks

summer festival strategy" with a major beer brand.

JENNIFER BREITHAUPT, 43

GLOBAL HEAD OF ENTERTAINMENT, CITI

◆ Selling millions of tickets to its credit-card holders, Citi has partnered with more than 1,400 artists and bands and 11,000 events in 21 countries in 2015, including a majority of the year's top tours, says Breithaupt. The brand, which one informed source estimates is working with a \$100 million budget — Citi doesn't disclose this information — and has seen double-digit year-to-year growth in ticket sales and U.S. ticket revenue, also is focused on creating opportunities for fans "who may never leave the house," like Yahoo's concert-a-day series, explains Breithaupt. For 2016, she and Citi are working on technology to identify card holders in venues and give them "special access to artists" as the ultimate door prize.

DEBORAH CURTIS*

VP GLOBAL SPONSORSHIPS AND EXPERIENTIAL MARKETING, AMERICAN EXPRESS



◆ In 2015, Curtis delivered presale access for American Express card holders to tours by The Rolling Stones, Fleetwood

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Sharon Dastur on BARBRA STREISAND

"I'm a huge Streisand fan. When I finally got to see her, in 1994, I cried the entire concert. I was so happy to experience that voice — live. I'm a true through-and-through pop girl until the end."

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"Failure is a part of growth. As you get on in your career, it's a useful thing to realize." —SARA CLEMENS



From left: Hrivnak, Moosnick and Lewit

Mac, Kenny Chesney, Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift. With Swift's team, she created the Emmy-winning Amex Unstaged Taylor Swift Experience app, which included an interactive video of "Blank Space." (One industry insider put the deal at \$3 million to \$5 million.) Newer acts have received a boost from Amex Unstaged Artists in Residence, which has showcased Børns, Rae Sremmurd and Pia Mia.

DIGITAL

SARA CLEMENS, 44

CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, PANDORA



➡ Clemens and her team have spent the last year positioning Pandora to better compete in the digital marketplace. In

November, the company acquired some of the assets of Rdio for \$75 million with the intention of entering the on-demand subscription marketplace with Spotify, Apple and YouTube. In October, it spent \$450 million on Ticketfly, which will allow artists to sell concert tickets directly to Pandora listeners. "There was a crew of probably more than 100 people that leaned in to get this done," the New Zealand native says of the deal.

TAMARA HRIVNAK, 39

DIRECTOR/HEAD OF AMERICAS MUSIC PARTNERSHIPS, GOOGLE PLAY/YOUTUBE

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HEATHER MOOSNICK, 43

DIRECTOR/HEAD OF LABEL PARTNERSHIPS (AMERICAS), YOUTUBE

➡ Through complementary roles at Google, these three women are driving the tech giant's digital music strategy for YouTube and Google Play. Hrivnak focuses on partnerships with hardware manufacturers, telecommunication firms and retailers, as well as labels and music publishers. Lewit prepped the November launches of subscription service YouTube Red and the YouTube Music app. Moosnick, a veteran of digital roles at MTV and Warner Music, secured the label licenses for YouTube Red.

KATIE SCHLOSSER*

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF LABEL RELATIONS FOR NORTH AMERICA, SPOTIFY



➡ As Spotify has grown from 15 million to 60 million listeners during the past five years, Schlosser, an alumna of the Berklee

College of Music, has worked "to generate meaningful artist success stories." This year, for instance, EDM

group Major Lazer racked up 38 million streams of its single "Lean On" — landing it at No. 4 on the Billboard Hot 100 — after Spotify orchestrated "a concerted marketing push," she says.

FILM/TV

MONICA ESCOBEDO, 38

ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER, ABC NEWS/GOOD MORNING AMERICA



➡ Escobedo did her part in the perpetual ratings battle for network morning-show supremacy by amping up GMA's summer

concert series lineup. Jason Derulo's June 12 gig scored particularly big, attracting 5.1 million viewers — the highest Nielsen numbers of the series — and translated to the kind of exposure that's increasingly difficult for an artist to get from a single appearance: Sales of his album *Everything Is 4* jumped 20 percent afterward. Escobedo also orchestrated special coverage of One Direction in conjunction with the release of its new album, *Made in the A.M.* Says the UCLA graduate: "It's all about creating those television moments."

JULIE GUROVITSCH, 33

TALENT EXECUTIVE FOR MUSIC, THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON

LINDSAY SHOOKUS, 35

PRODUCER, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE



➡ When it comes to music, SNL and *The Tonight Show* are the most influential shows in late night, and

Gurovitsch (left) and Shookus are their gatekeepers. Shortly after Gurovitsch booked blues rockers Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats' national TV debut on Aug. 5 at Fallon's request, streaming of the band's single, "S.O.B.," jumped 279 percent to 173,000 plays, according to Nielsen Music. And when Shookus landed Adele's first live TV performance since 2013, SNL scored its second-best ratings of the season behind the Nov. 7 episode hosted by Donald Trump. They make it look easy, but Shookus, who has been an SNL producer since 2010, says, "You get one chance to make the right impression. And people have long memories when you make the wrong one."

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Elizabeth Matthews on CHER

"When I was 4 years old, I saw Sonny & Cher perform at a state fair, and even then, I remember being in awe of how she owned the stage. Of course, I always will remember that hair."

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DEBRA LEE, 61
CHAIRMAN/CEO, BET NETWORKS

Lee acknowledges it has been a tough year, characterized by layoffs and restructuring that rocked BET parent company Viacom. "But it hasn't slowed us down," she says. Despite a 1.4 million dip in viewers in 2015, music tentpole the BET Awards still ranks as cable's No. 1 awards telecast. The third annual BET Experience festival was another success: Attendance was up 36 percent (150,000-plus), and the event has been renewed through 2018.

SARAH MOLL, 39
DIRECTOR OF MEDIA EVENTS, NFL



In February, Super Bowl XLIX made history, and not for anything having to do with football. The glory belonged to the 12-and-a-half-minute halftime show put together by Moll's NFL team, which featured Katy Perry, Lenny Kravitz and a resurgent Missy Elliott. A record 118.5 million viewers tuned in at halftime — the largest in Super Bowl history. Although Moll, who resides in

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Brittany Schreiber on CAROLE KING

"My mom may be Carole's No. 1 fan, and she always was playing her music when we would drive in the car. And yes, I have seen *Beautiful*, and it was so special to have Carole and the cast perform [on *Today*] live on our plaza."

Playa del Rey, Calif., isn't commenting, she reportedly has drafted one of her favorite artists, Bruno Mars, whose 2014 halftime appearance ranks second to Perry's, to curate the music for Super Bowl 50.

BRITTANY SCHREIBER, 28
MUSIC BOOKING PRODUCER; NBC NEWS, TODAY

Although *Today*'s intense rivalry with *Good Morning America* means Schreiber must land ratings-getters, she thrives on booking an emerging act and "watching it become a success." When Wiz Khalifa wasn't available to join up-and-comer Charlie Puth for an August appearance, she booked Puth solo — and will bring him back in January for his album release. Seasoned acts also benefit: After Duran Duran played *Today*, the band notched its highest Billboard 200 chart debut in 22 years with *Paper Gods* (No. 10).

DAWN SOLER, 55
SENIOR VP MUSIC, ABC



Now that ABC's *Nashville* has spun off 11 soundtracks and sold more than 900,000 units and 4 million song downloads, Soler plans to build ancillary music markets around other ABC series, including *How to Get Away With Murder*, *Wicked City* and Marvel Studios' Luke Cage superhero series, which is being developed for Netflix. "I'd love to create a musical experience for at least half our shows and have a few more like *Nashville*," says the Los Angeles native, who admits to having a special affinity for bass solos.

LIA VOLLACK, 51
PRESIDENT OF WORLDWIDE MUSIC/EXECUTIVE VP THEATRICAL, SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT

Pressure is finding a memorable song for the 24th movie in the \$7 billion James Bond franchise, but Vollack rose to the occasion when she secured Sam Smith's "Writing's on the Wall" for *Spectre*. On 007's home turf, the song became the first Bond theme to hit No. 1 on the Official U.K. Singles Chart. The Colorado native, who calls both Los Angeles and New York home, says the key to her success is choosing her battles. "The trick to this business is knowing when to give up." Her next challenge: the perfect theme for the summer 2016 *Ghostbusters* reboot.

5 EXECUTIVES TO WATCH

CORRIE CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, 38
SENIOR AGENT, PARADIGM TALENT; PARTNER, RIOT FEST



Christopher Martin client Imagine Dragons sold nearly 600,000 tickets on its Smoke + Mirrors Tour, and Riot Fest has expanded beyond Chicago to Denver and Toronto.

MICHELLE EBANKS*
PRESIDENT, ESSENCE COMMUNICATIONS



Ebanks guides Essence's big brand events — including the Essence Music Festival, headlined this year by Missy Elliott and Kendrick Lamar.

McKEE FLOYD, 29
HEAD OF MARKETING AND CREATIVE, GLASSNOTE RECORDS



Having made Mumford & Sons ubiquitous, Floyd is now on the case for Glassnote up-and-comers Tor Miller, Flo Morrissey and Chvrches.

DONEEN LOMBARDI, 45
SENIOR VP/HEAD OF MARKETING, COLUMBIA RECORDS



Named Columbia marketing chief in 2015, Lombardi orchestrated a crash four-week rollout for Adele's massively successful album 25.

SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ, 39
VP MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT, ANGELO MEDINA ENTERPRISES; PRESIDENT/CEO, GLOBALAT ENTERTAINMENT



After working with manager Angelo Medina on Romeo Santos' tour, Rodriguez launched her own firm, Globalat, with singer Tommy Torres as her first client.

THEY'LL TAKE MANHATTAN

These New York power brokers
make label, media and
sponsorship deals happen

From left: Marcie Allen,
Jennifer Breithaupt, Julie Greenwald,
Sharon Dastur, Sylvia Rhone and
Brittany Schreiber photographed
by Eric Ogden on Nov. 23 at the Diamond
Horseshoe, home of the *Queen of
the Night* show, in New York.



"As a young person, I would rather have bought a new album from my favorite band than spend the money on lunch." —CANDACE BERRY



Boos (left) and McCready

FINANCE

LORI BADGETT, 41

SENIOR VP/TEAM LEADER,
CITY NATIONAL BANK

MARTHA HENDERSON*

EXECUTIVE VP/HEAD OF ENTERTAINMENT
DIVISION, CITY NATIONAL BANK



➡➡ Badgett (left) and Henderson, based in Nashville and Los Angeles, respectively, exemplify City National's deep ties to

the entertainment industry, a long-established market strength that led Royal Bank of Canada to acquire the financial institution in 2015. Day to day, says Badgett, "you can be setting up a \$5,000 credit card for a touring artist or a \$25 million publishing syndicate." The Royal Bank deal, says Henderson, "gives us a lot more to offer our clients. It's expanding what we do today."

JULIE BOOS, 46

CO-OWNER/VP/BUSINESS MANAGER
FLOOD BUMSTEAD McCREADY & MCCARTHY

MARY ANN McCREADY*

PRESIDENT/CO-FOUNDER/BUSINESS MANAGER,
FLOOD BUMSTEAD McCREADY & MCCARTHY

➡➡ The duo helps run one of the industry's top financial management firms, which counts Keith Urban and Blake Shelton among its clientele. McCready's investments also extend to Nashville itself — she's a fierce civic

booster and co-creator of the Music City Music Council — while Boos, who rose from an entry-level gig to co-owner in 20 years, says she enjoys mentoring the firm's up-and-coming business managers.

LABELS

MICHELE ANTHONY, 59

EXECUTIVE VP U.S. RECORDED MUSIC,
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

➡➡ At press time, the label group's artists held the Billboard 200's No. 1 album spot for 31 of 46 weeks in 2015 and accounted for seven of the 10 best-selling albums. How does Anthony, who oversees the big picture for UMG (and led the 2014 Women in Music list), improve upon those statistics? By growing revenue, she says, "in areas of expertise that we either didn't have or that needed to be reimaged." To that end, the company added branding and sponsorship vp Mike Tunnicliffe and a playlist strategy team led by Jay Frank, and also took a larger role in developing UMG's catalogs into film, TV and theater projects like the Amy Winehouse documentary, *Amy*.

CANDACE BERRY*

EXECUTIVE VP/GM OF SALES,
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

➡➡ Following Jim Urie's retirement at the end of 2014, Berry, his longtime second-in-command, ascended to the top spot of UMG's revamped distribution

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Cindy Mabe on
TINA TURNER

"No one inspired me more as a kid than Tina Turner. She was strong, powerful and became one of the biggest global pop stars in the world. She was just a raw, rock, badass singer. And she could move! She could dance, she was a movie star, and she knew who she was."

unit, which keeps the company pipeline flowing with product from hitmakers Taylor Swift, Drake, Shawn Mendes, The Weeknd and Nick Jonas. The Indiana native, who says she's "proud of still having the slight Southern accent" she picked up while attending high school in Atlanta, also manages UMG's digital distribution — where streaming royalties accounted for 51 percent of digital revenue in the third quarter.

MARIA FERNANDEZ, 42

CFO/SENIOR VP OPERATIONS,
SONY LATIN IBERIA REGION



➡➡ The Venezuela-born Fernandez oversees finances, operations and systems at the regional label, which has the largest share of its market. Signings of Enrique Iglesias and Il Volo, and the launch of marketing agency Arcade Latin are among the investments that have grown the division's revenue 15 percent during the last four years. Fernandez, the mother of a 5-year-old son, credits Sony Latin chairman/CEO Afo Verde with another growth sign: Nearly half of her division's employees are women, up from a handful when she started in 2007.

WENDY GOLDSTEIN*

EXECUTIVE VP/HEAD OF URBAN A&R,
REPUBLIC RECORDS

➡➡ "Once you have an artist's confidence, leading him in a new direction becomes a lot easier," says the A&R veteran, who did just that with The Weeknd when she connected him with songwriter Max Martin. The result: The artist's *Beauty Behind the Madness* album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, propelled by the No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 single "Can't Feel My Face," which Martin co-wrote. An interior-design aficionado, Goldstein is readying a new home in Beverly Hills in addition to 2016 albums by Ariana Grande, Hailee Steinfeld and Joe Jonas' DNCE.

JULIE GREENWALD*

CO-CHAIRMAN/COO, ATLANTIC RECORDS

➡➡ Greenwald hates to choose among her label's successes — "I'm a mother, they're all my babies," she says — but she's in the position of having many children to brag about in 2015. Her 11-year stint at the label — which she runs with co-chairman/CEO Craig Kallman — has maintained a remarkably

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steady market share, hovering between 5 percent and 7.3 percent since 2005. With hit albums from Ed Sheeran, Twenty One Pilots, Meek Mill, Jill Scott, Wiz Khalifa and David Guetta in 2015 and new or forthcoming releases from Coldplay, Missy Elliott, Ty Dolla Sign, Sturgill Simpson, The War on Drugs and Charlie Puth, Atlantic's hot streak doesn't show any sign of abating.

ETHIOPIA HABTEMARIAM, 36
PRESIDENT, MOTOWN RECORDS; PRESIDENT OF URBAN MUSIC/CO-HEAD OF CREATIVE, UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP

◆◆ Habtemariam, whose first gig was a LaFace Records internship at 14, re-upped global publishing deals with J. Cole, Big Sean, Childish Gambino and Nicki Minaj — and watched signees R. City ("Locked Away") and Sebastian Kole (Alessia Cara's "Here") enjoy chart breakthroughs. Following Ne-Yo's No. 1 album, *Non-Fiction*, in 2015, Motown is ramping up newcomer BJ the Chicago Kid's hotly anticipated LP for 2016.

ALLISON JONES, 46
SENIOR VP A&R, BIG MACHINE LABEL GROUP

◆◆ Ever since her first visit to the Grand Ole Opry at the age of 12, Jones has been obsessed with country, and, today, her artist roster includes some of the biggest names in the genre, including Tim McGraw and Florida Georgia Line. Jones, who lives in Nashville with her 10-year-old son Dylan, prides herself on matching artists with future hits. This year, for instance, she brought the Meghan Trainor-co-written "I Like the Sound of That" to the attention of Rascal Flatts. The single is No. 29 on the Hot Country Songs chart.

MICHELLE JUBELIRER, 41
COO, CAPITOL MUSIC GROUP

◆◆ It has been a good year for Jubelirer. She was promoted from executive vp to COO in May, and CMG artists racked up 49 Grammy nominations and 12 wins. "We're an artist-development company; that's at the heart of every decision we make," says the attorney-turned-label executive, who points to the successes of Sam Smith, 5 Seconds of Summer and Bastille as proof. Jubelirer, who lives with her 17-month-old son Stone and fiancé, Buckcherry guitarist Keith Nelson, in Encino, Calif., credits colleagues Jody Gerson and Michele Anthony with teaching her that "it's possible to be a strong leader by taking charge and taking care at the same time."





TEAM UNIVERSAL

Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Selena Gomez, Lana Del Rey, Halsey and Nicki Minaj are just a few of the artists championed by this gathering of alpha females from the world's No. 1 label group

From left: Michelle Jubelirer, Wendy Goldstein, Candace Berry, Ethiopia Habtemariam, Jody Gerson, Jacqueline Saturn, Michele Anthony and Allison Jones photographed by Austin Hargrave on Nov. 11 at the Thom Thom Club in Los Angeles.

"It's a fact: a happy artist means a happy manager, agent and promoter." —DANA DUFINE

CINDY MABE, 42

PRESIDENT, UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP NASHVILLE



➡ Growing up in North Carolina, Mabe says she owned every Alabama album and made her brother and sister join her in dressing up like members of the '80s country hit machine. "I was always [frontman] Randy Owen," says Mabe, who now leads a new generation of country stars who have helped UMGN dominate the genre in 2015 with a 40 percent market share. Sam Hunt's debut album *Montevallo* is, to date, the 10th-best-selling digital album of any genre in 2015; Little Big Town's "Girl Crush" spent 13 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Hot Country Songs chart; and Chris Stapleton's surprise sweep at the Country Music Association Awards resulted in his debut LP, *Traveller*, becoming the first in history to re-enter the *Billboard* 200 at No. 1.

SYLVIA RHONE, 63

PRESIDENT, EPIC RECORDS

➡ Rhone shepherded a flock of top 10 *Billboard* 200 debuts from Epic artists Future, Fifth Harmony, Travis Scott, Sara Bareilles and, most notably, Meghan Trainor, whose freshman album *Title* bowed at No. 1. Scott's *Rodeo* was innovatively marketed with a \$150 action figure that also appeared on the album cover. Says Rhone: "No one in hip-hop has ever had a debut album released along with creative, interactive merchandise." The year also yielded a joint venture with Janelle Monae's Wondaland imprint — which scored a hit out of the box with "Classic Man" by Nigerian-American artist Jidenna, whom Rhone calls a "cultural guru."

BRENDA ROMANO*

PRESIDENT OF PROMOTION, INTERSCOPE GEFGEN A&M



➡ Romano, the executive behind the consistent radio success of Interscope Records (and its Geffen and A&M imprints), is a 20-year veteran of the label who is well-known within the industry for her unabashed competitive drive. This year's successes on the Hot 100 include four top 10 hits: Selena

Gomez's "Good for You" (featuring ASAP Rocky), Maroon 5's "Sugar" and "Animals," and Ellie Goulding's "Love Me Like You Do."

JACQUELINE SATURN*

GM, HARVEST RECORDS

➡ Saturn continued to revitalize the storied label that featured Pink Floyd in the 1970s and Duran Duran in the 1980s with successful releases by upstart artists Banks, who, says Saturn, has "amassed 200 million streams"; Glass Animals, which had a No. 1 Spotify track with "Gooey"; and the *New Basement Tapes* project, producer T Bone Burnett's all-star-band take on Bob Dylan and The Band's classic 1975 album. The Los Angeles-based mother of two is an avid runner. And as she says, "The music game is a marathon, not a sprint."

JULIE SWIDLER*

EXECUTIVE VP BUSINESS AFFAIRS/GENERAL COUNSEL, SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

➡ Swidler's planned two-week stay in Nashville lasted three months as she essentially ran Sony's Nashville division — working with superstars Kenny Chesney and Carrie Underwood and releasing albums by Tyler Farr and Old Dominion — while conducting an arduous search for a new CEO (ultimately hiring Randy Goodman). "I got to exercise muscles I hadn't used in a while," says Swidler, who came away from the trip with a new pair of cowboy boots. She also supervised Sony deals with Apple Music, Tidal and YouTube.

LIVE

DANA DUFINE, 50

HEAD OF ENTERTAINMENT BOOKINGS MSG ENTERTAINMENT



➡ DuFine oversees live entertainment for MSG Entertainment's coast-to-coast portfolio of top-grossing venues, including Madison Square Garden in New York and The Forum in Los Angeles. Since joining MSGE in 2014, the Los Angeles native has created the company's cross-venue touring division, which leverages the booking power of MSGE's buildings in major cities. On a more personal level, says DuFine, "You get to go on these



Swidler

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Lori Badgett on DOLLY PARTON

"From a young age she knew exactly what she wanted to be — never apologized for it or made excuses — and has been true to herself throughout a 50-year career. There is no one else like her."

journeys," which means that the teen who snuck out of the house to see her first concert — U2 in Los Angeles in the '80s — got to oversee the 13 shows that the band played this year in New York and Los Angeles. "That," she adds, "was an amazing journey."

MAUREEN FORD, 51

PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL SALES, LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT

AMY HOWE, 43

COO, TICKETMASTER NORTH AMERICA



➡ Live Nation's 2015 festival business has "exploded, particularly in country," says Ford (left), whose team increased overall festival sponsorship and media by 50 percent. The Boston-based executive secured new multiyear partnerships with Toyota, Hilton and State Farm, while expanding media relationships with Yahoo, Snapchat and Vice. At Ticketmaster, a division of Live Nation Entertainment, Howe works directly with president Jared Smith on strategy and executive



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"At Parkwood, we are crazy perfectionists who are never fully satisfied." —LEE ANNE CALLAHAN-LONGO

PERFORMING RIGHTS

ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, 47
CEO, ASCAP

In January, after two years as executive vp/general counsel, Matthews became CEO of ASCAP at a crucial moment in the performing rights organization's history. With the U.S. Department of Justice reviewing how PROs license music in the digital age, Matthews will play a key role in the thorny debate. She also is rebuilding ASCAP's leadership team, the start of a six-year plan to strengthen its efficiency and effectiveness.

ANN SWEENEY, 56
SENIOR VP GLOBAL POLICY, BMI

Sweeney sets BMI's agenda in Washington, D.C., and oversees its relationships and revenue with counterpart PROs in international markets. Seeking to "unlock more value" for BMI writers, she cites the PRO's support this year for the reintroduction of the Songwriter Equity Act in March, which seeks better royalty rates for songwriters.

KELLI TURNER, 45
CFO/EXECUTIVE VP OPERATIONS AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, SESAC

Turner has a key role at the PRO, which is currently on a roll. SESAC's September acquisition of mechanical rights organization The Harry Fox Agency — and new deals inked during the last 16 months with Mariah Carey, Green Day, Zac Brown and Kurt Cobain's estate — will boost the music license fees and royalties that SESAC administers by more than 50 percent.



Harnell

talent, where there has been a lot of movement: More than 50 percent of the company's senior team was hired within the past year. Through key acquisitions and new mobile ticketing technology, Howe says Ticketmaster aims to "transform the end-to-end live event experience" for fans.

ALI HARNELL, 47
SENIOR VP, AEG LIVE

REBECA LEON, 40
SENIOR VP LATIN TALENT, AEG LIVE/
GOLDENVOICE; MANAGER (JUANES, J BALVIN)

◆ Harnell, as head of AEG's Southeast territory, produced some 180 shows in 2015, grossing \$36 million — including a run of dates by Little Big Town that generated \$3.5 million — a \$10 million year-to-year increase. The mother of a 15-year-old son, Harnell also plays a role in the Country 2 Country festival, which expanded from the United Kingdom to Scandinavia. For AEG's Latin business, Leon reports a 12 percent rise in revenue and guided the successful Enrique Iglesias/Pitbull/J Balvin tour. As manager, she added Balvin to her roster and got Juanes on the Grammy Awards telecast. "Our big goal," says Leon, "is to penetrate the mainstream."

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Marlene Tsuchii on
EXENE CERVENKA

"When I saw Exene and X play for the first time, the raw energy and chaos was transformative. I then immersed myself in punk rock and rebelled against typical young-female stereotypes. She made me feel like I could do anything and could knock down any walls."

DEBRA RATHWELL, 60
SENIOR VP, AEG LIVE



◆ Rathwell has built AEG Live's New York office into a powerhouse that promotes some 1,000 events annually

throughout the Northeast. Her proudest achievements during the past year include John Mellencamp's 80-date theater tour and 65 arena dates with Shania Twain. Next up: Justin Bieber's spring/summer tour of North America.

KATHY WILLARD, 49
CFO, LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT



◆ Willard has watched Live Nation's numbers tick upward this year as the world's largest event company took majority stakes

in C3 Presents (Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits Music Festival) and the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn., and partnered with top German promoter Marek Lieberberg. "The festival deals were huge for the business, not only for our overall North American festival base, but also for sponsorships and ticketing," says the resident of Los Angeles' Westwood neighborhood. Willard notes Asia and South America are likely areas of future expansion for Live Nation.

MANAGEMENT

LEE ANNE CALLAHAN-LONGO, 47
GM, PARKWOOD ENTERTAINMENT



◆ After co-producing Beyoncé and Jay Z's 2014 On the Run Tour, which grossed more than \$100 million, Callahan-Longo this

year focused on growing Parkwood's management, production, music and philanthropy divisions. "I'm especially proud of the merger of Chime for Change [of which Beyoncé is a co-founder] with nonprofit Global Citizen, focusing on initiatives for women and girls around the world," says the one-time Boston College communications major. "At Parkwood, we are crazy perfectionists who are never fully satisfied."



Turner

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CALIFORNIA STARS

These Los Angeles movers and shakers specialize in artist development, management, touring, publishing and soundtracks

From left: Ty Stiklorius, Rebeca Leon, Sara Newkirk Simon, Lia Vollack and Katie Vinten photographed by Amanda Friedman on Nov. 18 at Le Jardin in Los Angeles.



"Practically all of our writers make money from synchronization." - CARIANNE MARSHALL



ALLISON KAYE, 34

PRESIDENT, SB PROJECTS

Returning to work after maternity leave, Kaye this year worked on another comeback — Justin Bieber's third album *Purpose*, which yielded the No. 1 single "What Do You Mean?" Of Bieber, she says, "He worked really hard on himself [and showed] the world ... that he went through a phase and came out the other side." She also has guided the careers of Tori Kelly, Ariana Grande and Martin Garrix while preparing for Rixton's return in 2016.

SARAH STENNETT*

CEO, FIRST ACCESS ENTERTAINMENT

Stennett invested in the future in a major way in October when she inked a joint venture with Access Industries, owned by billionaire Len Blavatnik (also owner of Warner Music Group). The deal turned her management firm Turn First Artists — which counts Zayn Malik, Iggy Azalea and Ellie Goulding as clients — into First Access Entertainment, a music, film, TV and fashion concern. "We're living in a very different, fast-moving, culturally diverse space," she says, "and you have to have resources for artists to explore those interests."

TY STIKLORIUS, 40

FOUNDER/CEO, FRIENDS AT WORK

Stiklorius declared her independence

THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Carole King on BILLIE HOLIDAY

"My parents loved music, and one of their favorites was Billie Holiday, who was born in Philadelphia, our hometown. I grew up listening to her amazing voice. It imbued me with a love for music and great female singers that I have carried with me to this day."

in October when she departed Troy Carter's Atom Factory, where she was co-president, to launch her own management firm and brought John Legend and Lindsey Stirling with her. The mother of two credits her career to a break she got during her college years. An English major at the University of Pennsylvania, Stiklorius took charge of the school's jazz and blues a cappella group, which included a young, unknown Legend. His performance of Joan Osborne's "One of Us" at New York's Carnegie Hall in the national finals "made me want to work with musicians like him," she says.

PUBLISHING

JENNIFER KNOEPFLE, 39

SENIOR VP A&R, SONY/ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING



When Jody Gerson departed Sony/ATV to head Universal Music Publishing Group, Knoepfle deftly juggled her A&R duties while running the Los Angeles office with interim co-head Jonas Kant prior to the arrival of newly appointed U.S. co-president Rick Krim. She also helped Bleachers frontman and Fun

BEHIND THE SCENEMAKERS

4 unsung heroes whose work brings artists acclaim

EMILY LAZAR, 43

MASTERING ENGINEER/MIXER



The first female mastering engineer to be nominated for a record of the year Grammy (for Sia's "Chandelier" in 2015), Lazar, her astute ears and Greenwich Village studio The Lodge are in high-demand. Just ask clients Foo Fighters, Beck and Coldplay.

JULIA MICHAELS, 22

SONGWRITER



With co-writes on four Hot 100 hits (for Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Hailee Steinfeld and Gwen Stefani), Michaels is on the rise. And she just spent studio time with Britney Spears.

WONDAGURL, 18

PRODUCER



The Toronto native (real name: Ebony Oshunrinde) was just 16 when she co-produced "Crown" alongside Mike Dean and Travis Scott for Jay Z's *Magna Carta ... Holy Grail*. Despite her youth, the budding producer has since landed credits for Rihanna ("Bitch Better Have My Money") and Drake.

EMILY WRIGHT, 35

VOCAL PRODUCER



A chance 2007 meeting with Dr. Luke led Wright to try her hand at engineering. A year later, she was producing vocals for Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl" and "Hot N Cold." Hits for Jessie J, Miley Cyrus and Kesha followed, along with writing credits for Spears and Wright's husband Matt Thiessen's band, Relient K.



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guitarist Jack Antonoff form a joint venture with Sony/ATV to sign and collaborate with up-and-coming talent. "He wanted to expand who he was working with, including developing writers and artists," she says.

CARIANNE MARSHALL*

PARTNER, SONGS MUSIC PUBLISHING

➡ Marshall drives a lot of business for SONGS, thanks to the efforts of her synchronization team, which places its artists' music in films, TV shows, advertisements and other media. In 2015, her group generated a 110 percent increase in revenue over the previous year. Placements from the SONGS catalog include Diplo's "Revolution" in a Hyundai commercial and The Weeknd's "High for This" in a Hugo Boss ad. Marshall prizes the indie scale of SONGS. "I know all of our writers," she says, "which, at bigger companies, is impossible. Practically all of our writers make money from synchronization."

SAS METCALFE, 54

PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL CREATIVE, KOBALT MUSIC GROUP



➡ In 2001, Metcalfe was the first employee hired by Kobalt Music Group founder Willard Ahdritz, and today she guides signings, acquisitions and administration partnerships with emerging publishers. The Welsh executive, who says she lives by the motto "You're only as good as your last hit," has lured Lionel Richie, TV on the Radio and Deadmau5' label Mau5trap to Kobalt in recent months and helped push the indie publisher to an impressive third-place 12.7 percent market share of the top 100 radio songs in the third quarter.

KATIE VINTEN, 32

CO-HEAD OF A&R, WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC

➡ Vinten started the year as a director and rose to co-head of A&R on the strength of identifying hit-making teams of songwriters. She signed Julia Michaels and her writing partner Justin Trantor, and the two have collaborated on four top 40 tracks: Justin Bieber's "Sorry," Gwen Stefani's "Used to Love You," Selena Gomez's "Good for You" and Hailee Steinfeld's "Love Myself." (Both also have penned Hot 100 hits individually.) Vinten's philosophy: "Put



Besack

the writers and music first. When I focus on that, results occur."

RADIO

JESS BESACK, 33

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING; THE SPECTRUM, SIRIUSXM

➡ Besack programs The Spectrum, one of the most influential destinations at SiriusXM, which reports 29 million listeners. (It does not break out listenership by channel.) Proof: During the week that Adele's new album 25 arrived and smashed sales records, the pop phenomenon made her first U.S. radio appearance at a *Town Hall* Q&A session carried on The Spectrum, and a week earlier, gave a rare interview to channel DJ Jenny Eliscu. Besack also championed new act Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, who had a 500 percent sales jump after The Spectrum was first to play its track "S.O.B."

SHARON DASTUR, 45

SENIOR VP PROGRAMMING INTEGRATION, IHEARTMEDIA

➡ Dastur, a former programmer at New York's powerful top 40 WHTZ (Z100), celebrated her first year in a national role by bringing in \$50 million-plus from advertisers seeking more than just another commercial. "We're always looking for creative partnerships with brands," says Dastur, a one-time member of the marching band at the University of Texas at Austin. Recent

iHeartMedia deals have included Coca-Cola's *First Taste Fridays* podcast and Bacardi's Ultimate House Party Tour.

ANYA GRUNDMANN*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NPR MUSIC; INTERIM VP PROGRAMMING, NPR



➡ Through podcasts like *First Listen* — a prerelease album stream that now includes radio interviews and live performances — and *All Songs Considered* — iTunes' No. 1 podcast — NPR connects artists with an audience of 20 million-plus, guided by Grundmann, who grew up in Baltimore in "a house filled with music." The 2014 Tiny Desk Concert Contest, devoted to unknown and unsigned acts, had more than 30,000 participants. "Our winner, Fantastic Negrito," she says proudly, "went from busking in Oakland to playing big stages, touring and recording."

METHODOLOGY Executives were chosen based on business impact, audience, market share and chart and/or tour performance of their artists or clients in the past year, tracked by Nielsen Music and Billboard Boxscore.

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THE ARTIST WHO INSPIRED ME



Monica Escobedo on GWEN STEFANI

"She always has had a unique style, great energy, confidence and amazing music. My hometown in California is near where she grew up, so I always identified with her and her lifestyle. To work with Gwen and No Doubt was very special."

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Martin and the band's seventh album gives their inspirational anthems a backbeat.

Coldplay's Uplifting Boogie-Down

★★★★☆



COLDPLAY
A Head Full of Dreams
Parlophone/Atlantic

SOONER OR LATER, EVERY GOLIATH OF modern stadium rock hears the siren call of the discotheque. U2, Radiohead, Arcade Fire — all have striven to goose their sincerity with syncopation, to inject more fun, more funk, into their big, regal, high-minded songs. Now it's Coldplay's turn. On the band's seventh album, *A Head Full of Dreams*, Chris Martin and company nervously creep onto the dancefloor, like boys at a junior high school prom, determined to unleash the boogie, white man's overbite be damned. Thus "Adventure of a Lifetime," the first single, which puts a classic disco beat — percolating bassline, hissing high-hat, hand claps — behind Martin's tremulous falsetto. The song's sentiments are pure Coldplay. "We are diamonds taking shape," sings Martin. "Everything you want's a dream away."

Martin told an interviewer that the group wanted to make an uplifting album that would prompt fans to "shuffle [their] feet." Listeners familiar with Coldplay might ask if the band has ever made a record that *doesn't* aim to uplift. For nearly a decade and a half, Coldplay has been the global standard-bearer of Inspiration Rock. Even on *Ghost Stories*, the moderately downcast 2014 album released in the wake of Martin's marital breakup, the music chimed grandly, and the lyrics tilted in the direction of bombast and bromides. In Coldplay's world, we all have wings, and the band provides the wind.

As for feet-shuffling, that's where collaborators come in. On *A Head Full of Dreams*, the band teams with Stargate, aka Tor Erik Hermansen and Mikkel Storleer Eriksen, who share production duties with longtime Coldplay comrade Rik Simpson on all but one song. There are other boldface names in the credits: Tove Lo, Noel Gallagher and, well, President Barack Obama, whose sampled

rendition of "Amazing Grace" can be heard amid a wash of piano and synths on the vague songlet called "Kaleidoscope." Then there's the Queen of America, Beyoncé, who provides backing vocals on three songs, including the album's grooviest, "Hymn for the Weekend," which sounds an awful lot like Coldplay's answer to "Drunk in Love." ("I'm feeling drunk and high/So high, so high/Then we'll shoot across the sky," exults Martin.)

The decision to work with Stargate was a shrewd one. The Norwegian songwriting-production duo is among the world's best at blending the flavors of R&B and bubble-gum pop. More than any previous Coldplay release, *A Head Full of Dreams* sounds like a pop record; the band has never been catchier. That's especially true when the tempos are brisk, in tracks like "Hymn for the Weekend" and "Birds," whose ringing guitars and thumping bass might please fans of The Cure. Of course, the songs are still big, with the peeling guitars and crescendos in which Coldplay always has specialized. But Stargate finds new ways to ornament the anthems with hooks, beats, samples and effects. Martin and Coldplay haven't exactly reined in their excesses, but they've given them new shape and weight. They've put some ballast in their ballads.

Which hasn't stopped Martin from doing what comes naturally: singing corny drivel. The lyrics are full of miracles and angels and soaring eagles, and "philosophy" along the lines of "Life has a beautiful crazy design." Coldplay has hinted that *A Head Full of Dreams* might be its last album. If that's true, it's a fitting swan song, a reminder the act has been a band of and for our time, proffering heroic psychobabble. The record closes with "Up and Up," which marshals a hip-hop beat and gospel-style chorales to drive home a pep-talk banality: "When you think you've had enough/Don't ever give up." It's not exactly new advice, maybe not even good advice, but it's a message that millions want to hear. And, lo and behold, you can dance to it.

—JODY ROSEN



Springsteen (seated at console) at The Power Station in New York in 1979.

The River Still Runs Deep

Tom Hanks, Melissa Etheridge and other stars reflect on Bruce Springsteen's reissued classic

IN 1980, BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN RELEASED *The River*, a landmark double album that solidified his role as a star chronicler of America's working class. Weaving his tales of blue-collar joy and heartbreak with The E Street Band's bar-band-on-steroids sound, it was home to his first smash hit, "Hungry Heart," which peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100. On Dec. 4, the album will be reissued as a deluxe box set, *The Ties That Bind: The River*, which will include the original album, studio outtakes, a documentary, a photo book and rare concert and rehearsal footage. *Billboard* asked some well-known Springsteen admirers to talk about their favorite songs from the classic original.



Tom Hanks "*The River* was the first Springsteen record I heard on a Sony Walkman — that model had dual-channel volume controls, so you could crank it up. Bruce had me at 'The Ties That Bind.' The sound was fitted for the frustrations of life. I felt like I was, as Bruce says, walking down the street, pushing people out of my way. Springsteen gave me a connectedness, despite those feelings — a tie to something greater than being alone. Then, of course, comes crashing 'Sherry Darling' and 'Family,' and ain't life just one damn thing after another?"



The Gaslight Anthem's Brian Fallon "I bought *The River* around the time that I got my [driver's] license. The line that stuck out to me in 'Jackson Cage' was 'The cool in the night takes the edge off the heat.' That song has a sense of dissatisfaction and anxiety. When you're 17, that's your whole world."



Melissa Etheridge "'The River' is one of my top 10 favorite songs, period. The line 'Then I got Mary pregnant and man, that was all she wrote/And for my 19th birthday, I got a union card and a wedding coat' just destroys me — it just destroys me. It's an American masterpiece. You can observe it from the outside and feel. Not judge, but just feel the truth of it — and the pain of it."



Jack Antonoff "The second record opens with 'Point Blank.' First of all, it's an amazing song, but the placement of it opening the next record is just so quintessentially Springsteen. The way the first album ends with 'The River,' then 'Point Blank' totally shifts the mood — I'm obsessed with it conceptually. Springsteen could punch me in the face. He has given me so much."

—LINDSEY SULLIVAN



G-EAZY
When It's Dark Out
RCA
★★★★☆

"Runaround Sue" rapper takes big step up with second album

"IN JUST ONE YEAR I WENT FROM overlooked to overbooked," G-Eazy raps on "Sad Boy," summarizing his ascent from Tumblr heartthrob who made a rap version of "Runaround Sue" to rising star with a Billboard 200 No. 3 debut (2014's *These Things Happen*). The Oakland, Calif., MC's second LP aspires to back up his claim that he's "the coldest white rapper in the game since the one with the bleached hair" ("Calm Down"). It's hyperbolic, but *When It's Dark Out* marks a vast leap forward: His cadences are more agile, his boasts more boastful, his guest list tighter (Too Short, E-40, Kehlani). Produced by longtime collaborator Christoph Andersson, Boi-1da and Southside, the sonic aesthetic is Danny Elfman in the trap. A few blatant crossover-R&B attempts ("Some Kind of Drug," the Chris Brown-featured "Drifting") feel faceless, but they're largely outliers on an album that gives this former greaser novelty three dimensions.

—JEFF WEISS



TROYE SIVAN
Blue Neighbourhood
Capitol
★★★★☆

YouTube alt-popper shows growth and growing pains on full-length debut

HE WAS BORN IN SOUTH AFRICA AND raised in Australia, but really, Troye Sivan comes from the Internet. The 20-year-old singer/songwriter/actor built his brand on YouTube — where he outed himself as gay to millions of subscribers in 2013 — and now makes post-genre pop for the Spotify set. Following the EPs *Wild* and *TRXYE* (both of which hit No. 5 on the Billboard 200), *Blue Neighbourhood* features soft-touch synths and booming drum machines worthy of the next Lorde or Taylor Swift record. (The canned "Hey!" exclamations on "Wild" and "Fools" are straight out of the latter's "Bad Blood.") In lieu of originality, Sivan sells vulnerability, using his choirboy voice to detail the scary thrill of sex on "Bite," the rush of fame on "Cool" and the cruelty of the silent treatment on "The Quiet." Lana Del Rey producer Emile Haynie adds epic sweep to "Talk Me Down," a power ballad about simply wanting to sleep next to someone. "I'm just some dumb kid trying to kid myself that I've got my shit together," sings Sivan on "Lost Boy." Despite his millions of online followers, he's still finding his way.

—KEN PARTRIDGE

SINGLES

M.I.A.
"BORDERS"
INTERSCOPE
★★★★☆

The refugee crisis is a ripe topic for M.I.A., whose family fled civil war in Sri Lanka. "Borders" is one of her smoothest songs, with a dancehall throb and "Big Pimpin'" -style hook. But simplistic, if heartfelt lyrics ("Freedom, I'dom, me'dom/Where's your we'dom?") don't measure up to the subject or the singer. —JEM ASWAD



M.I.A.

ANIMAL COLLECTIVE
"FLORIDADA"
DOMINO
★★★★☆

Animal Collective rarely drops duds, but some of its songs can be too overwrought for all but the most die-hard fans of its experimental pop. Following the lead of off-kilter but sugary *Merriweather Post Pavilion*, this first peek of new album *Painting With* hits the right balance, with a rush of layered vocals, stomping percussion and even a snippet of The Surfaris' 1963 classic "Wipeout." —JOE LYNCH

ERYKAH BADU FEATURING ANDRÉ 3000
"HELLO"
CONTROL FREQ RECORDS
★★★★☆

Badu takes a page from Adele's book and greets former flame André 3000 on dreamy ballad "Hello," the emotional apex of her great *But You Can't Use My Phone* mixtape. The ex-lovers (whose relationship produced excellent late-'90s collabs and a son) mix drunk-dial messages with sweet love notes as they coo, "Don't change for me, babe." —ADELLE PLATON

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CHARTS



NUMBERS: GRATEFUL GOODBYE

The Grateful Dead's massive farewell concerts at Chicago's Soldier Field (July 3-5) are celebrated on the Billboard 200 as two versions of its live album *Fare Thee Well* (recorded at the shows) debut at Nos. 47 and 130.

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The two new live releases mark the 71st and 72nd charting titles for the band. Despite a wealth of chart entries, it has claimed only one top 10: 1987's *In the Dark*, which peaked at No. 6 and contained the pop hit "Touch of Grey."

340^K

Interest in The Grateful Dead's final shows spurred big sales for its catalog of albums. So far in 2015, it has sold 340,000 copies, according to Nielsen Music (through the week ending Nov. 26). In 2014, it shifted 272,000 in total.

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In 2015, The Grateful Dead racked up seven debuts on the Billboard 200 (six of them were live albums). That's the most entries on the list in 2015 of any act. The Dead leads **Kidz Bop Kids**, with four bows this year.

—KEITH CAULFIELD



Adele's third album soars past 'N Sync's 15-year-old record.

TOMORROW'S HITS

BIG GRAMS BRIGHTEN ALT

Big Grams grow 35-33 on the Alternative airplay chart with "Lights On" (Republic/Epic). While it's the act's first charted song, its members, rapper **Big Boi** and electronic-alt duo **Phantogram**, are veterans of *Billboard*'s tallies. The hypnotic track is from Big Grams' self-titled debut EP, which bowed at No. 5 on Rap Albums, No. 9 on Alternative Albums and No. 38 on the Billboard 200 dated Oct. 17.



Big Grams

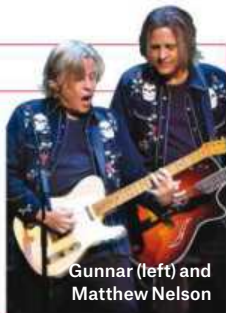
RHYTHMIC FINDS 'PURPOSE'

New Jersey native **Dougie F** hangs just below the Rhythmic chart with "On Purpose," featuring **Pitbull** and **40 Cobras** (released on Mr. 305). The dance-driven hip-hop track bounds by 46 percent in plays in the week ending Nov. 29, according to Nielsen Music, with 18 spins on WQHT (Hot 97) New York in that span. Dougie F is currently on tour with **Travis Scott** and **Bryson Tiller**.

CHART BEAT

Jingle Bell Rock Twins **Matthew** and **Gunnar Nelson** appear on a *Billboard* chart for the first time in more than 20 years as "This Christmas" debuts on Adult Contemporary at No. 22. The pair topped the *Billboard* Hot 100 in 1990 with its breakthrough hit "(Can't Live Without Your) Love and Affection," from the double-platinum album *After the Rain*. The new single (featuring **Alyssa Bonagura**) introduces the brothers' first holiday set of the same name — and adds a chapter to the family's legacy: Matthew and Gunnar's late father, **Ricky**, scored the Hot 100's first No. 1, "Poor Little Fool," in 1958.

—GARY TRUST



Gunnar (left) and Matthew Nelson

↑
16%
THIS WEEK
LUKAS GRAHAM'S
"7 YEARS"
STREAMS
681,000



↑
40%
THIS WEEK
MISSY ELLIOTT'S
"WTF (WHERE THEY
FROM)" AUDIENCE
8.4 MILLION



↑
38%
THIS WEEK
GRANGER SMITH'S
"BACKROAD SONG"
STREAMS
510,000



Album Of The Century? Adele Smashes Sales Mark

The star singer's 25 swoops in with a Nielsen Music-era high of 3.38 million copies moved its first week — and has passed 4 million in its second

BY KEITH CAULFIELD

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HELLO? IS THIS THE HISTORIC DEBUT you've been looking for?

Adele's 25 rewrites the chart record books at No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200 as the singer's third studio album opens atop the list with 3.48 million equivalent-album units earned in the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music (see story, page 21). Of that figure, 3.38 million were pure album sales — the single-largest sales week for an album since Nielsen began tracking point-of-sale music purchases in 1991. 25 flies past the previous one-week sales record held by 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached*. In the week ending March 26, 2000, *Strings* bowed with 2.42 million sold. That sum was thought to be unbeatable, considering the steep decline of album sales since *Strings*' release: Album volume in 2014 was down 67 percent compared with sales in 2000.

Remarkably, after processing the first sales reports through Nov. 29, Nielsen Music says 25 has sold at least 650,000 copies in its second

week on sale, bringing its total sales to more than 4 million. It is the first album to sell 4 million-plus copies in a calendar year since Adele's own 21 moved 4.41 million in 2012 — a year after selling 5.82 million in 2011. 21 and 25 are the only albums to sell at least 4 million in a calendar year since 2005, when sets by **50 Cent** and **Mariah Carey** hit the mark.

25's overall equivalent-unit figure mostly comprises pure album sales (physical and digital), along with 96,000 in track-equivalent-album units and another 8,000 in streaming-equivalent album units. All of 25's streaming units are streams of single "Hello,"

the only song from the album available on streaming services.

Released Nov. 20 through XL/Columbia Records, 25 is Adele's second No. 1. It follows 21, which spent 24 weeks at No. 1 (a record for a woman) and now returns to the top 10 for the first time in more than

two years (and its highest rank in more than three). The LP climbs 25-9 with 46,000 units (up 125 percent) and 34,000 in pure album sales (up 163 percent). 21 was last in the top 10 on March 16, 2013 (at No. 10).

The Adele party continues at No. 20 on the *Billboard* 200, where her debut, 19, rises 35 spots with 27,000 units (up 208 percent) and 20,000 in pure album sales (up 252 percent). ●



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Dougie F

FARMER RIDES STING'S 'CAR'

French superstar **Mylene Farmer** is on the verge of her first U.S.-charting single as her cover of **Sting**'s 2003 song "Stolen Car" (featuring Sting himself) bubbles under Dance Club Songs. The collab is from Farmer's 10th studio set, *Interstellaires* (Cherrytree/Interscope), which debuted at No. 8 on World Albums in November.

—GARY TRUST, AMAYA MENDIZABAL and KEITH CAULFIELD



Farmer

MARKET WATCH

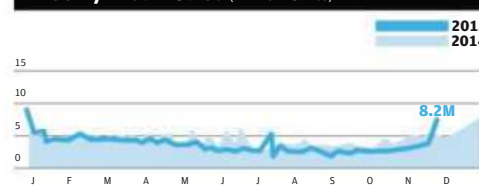
A WEEKLY NATIONAL MUSIC SALES REPORT

Weekly Unit Sales

	ALBUMS	DIGITAL ALBUMS*	DIGITAL TRACKS
This Week*	8,202,000	3,431,000	15,760,000
Last Week	5,049,000	2,245,000	14,425,000
Change	62.4%	52.8%	9.3%
This Week Last Year	5,495,000	2,188,000	18,653,000
Change	49.3%	56.8%	-15.5%

*Digital album sales are also counted within album sales.

Weekly Album Sales (Million Units)



YEAR-TO-DATE

Overall Unit Sales

	2014	2015	CHANGE
Albums	215,011,000	204,331,000	-5.0%
Digital Tracks	990,028,000	876,104,000	-11.5%
Store Singles	2,443,000	2,962,000	21.2%
Total	1,207,482,000	1,083,397,000	-10.3%
Album w/TEA*	314,013,800	291,941,400	-7.0%

*Includes track-equivalent album sales (TEA) with 10 track downloads equivalent to one album sale.

Digital Track Sales

2014	990.0 Million
2015	876.1 Million

Sales by Album Format

	2014	2015	CHANGE
CD	113,288,000	101,644,000	-10.3%
Digital	93,902,000	92,682,000	-1.3%
Vinyl	7,382,000	9,515,000	28.9%
Other	438,000	490,000	11.9%

Sales by Album Category

	2014	2015	CHANGE
Current	107,907,000	99,382,000	-7.9%
Catalog	107,104,000	104,898,000	-2.1%
Deep Catalog	88,399,000	87,366,000	-1.2%

Current Album Sales

2014	107.9 Million
2015	99.4 Million

Catalog Album Sales

2014	107.1 Million
2015	104.9 Million

Nielsen Music counts as current only sales within the first 18 months of an album's release (12 months for classical and jazz albums). Titles that stay in the top half of the *Billboard* 200, however, remain as current. Titles older than 18 months are catalog. Deep catalog is a subset of catalog for titles out more than 36 months.

For week ending Nov. 26, 2015. Figures are rounded. Compiled from a national sample of retail store and rack sales reports collected by Nielsen Music.





Billboard Artist 100

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NO. 82 Gwen Stefani

Stefani appears on the Artist 100 for the first time in more than a year as "Used to Love You" logs a 162 percent increase to 29,000 sold (and re-enters the Billboard Hot 100 at No. 77, a new high) after she performed it at the American Music Awards on Nov. 22.

2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
2	3	1	#1 ADELE	XL/COLUMBIA	1	43
1	1	2	JUSTIN BIEBER	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	1	73
3	4	3	DRAKE	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	1	74
5	5	4	THE WEEKND	XO/REPUBLIC	1	59
6	2	5	ONE DIRECTION	SYCO/COLUMBIA	2	74
7	6	6	TAYLOR SWIFT	BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1	70
9	9	7	FETTY WAP	RGF/300/AG	3	42
13	12	8	SELENA GOMEZ	INTERSCOPE/IGA	2	61
12	8	9	SHAWN MENDES	ISLAND	2	42
11	10	10	FUTURE	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	1	19
14	16	11	MEGHAN TRAINOR	EPIC	1	72
21	19	12	ARIANA GRANDE	REPUBLIC	1	72
8	17	13	ELLIE GOULDING	CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	7	58
23	21	14	ELLE KING	RCA	14	18
26	26	15	DEMI LOVATO	SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD	3	45
						
17	14	16	ED SHEERAN	ATLANTIC/AG	1	74
28	15	17	ALESSIA CARA	EP/DEF JAM	15	14
16	22	18	SAM HUNT	MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	5	72

2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
24	27	19	PENTATONIX	RCA	2	18
33	29	20	CHRIS BROWN	RCA	1	74
20	25	21	LUKE BRYAN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	1	74
22	23	22	THOMAS RHETT	VALORY/BMLG	7	43
4	18	23	CHRIS STAPLETON	MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	2	5
32	31	24	BRYSON TILLER	TRAPSOUL/RCA	24	9
						
34	33	25	FALL OUT BOY	DCD2/ISLAND	2	64
19	32	26	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	3	61
36	38	27	J. COLE	DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	2	51
73	63	28	NICKI MINAJ	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	2	74
15	30	29	SAM SMITH	CAPITOL	1	74
49	35	30	TRAVIS\$ SCOTT	GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	6	12
27	34	31	BLAKE SHELTON	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	1	74
64	13	32	CHRIS YOUNG	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	13	20
38	40	33	TWENTY ONE PILOTS	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	2	32
55	56	34	SILENTO	BOLO/CAPITOL	10	30
58	55	35	JOHN LEGEND	G.O.O.D./COLUMBIA	15	60
52	54	36	KATY PERRY	CAPITOL	6	74

STEFANI: SOPHIE MULLER; LOVATO: COURTESY OF HOLLYWOOD RECORDS; TILLER: ROLEX

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Vachal's 'Voice' Carries

Amy Vachal, one of the top 10 finalists on the current season of NBC's *The Voice*, enters the Billboard Artist 100 at No. 89. She bows with all of her chart points from digital song sales as her cover of **Taylor Swift's** "Blank Space" enters Digital Songs at No. 24 with 38,000 sold, according to Nielsen Music, marking her best rank and weekly sales sum. A week earlier, her folk-pop reinvention of **Drake's** "Hotline Bling" charted at No. 28 on the tally (25,000). New Jersey native Vachal, 26, is one of two contestants on *The Voice* this season to hit the Artist 100: **Jordan Smith** ranks at No. 71 after surging to No. 20.

Meanwhile, **Adele** returns to the top of the Artist 100 (3-1) for a third total week with a three-to-one lead in points over runner-up **Justin Bieber** (1-2). Adele logs a 646 percent increase in overall activity with album sales marking her greatest metric (81 percent) as 25 rockets onto Top Album Sales at No. 1 with a one-week-record 3.4 million sold (see page 118). Adele's prior albums 27 and 19 also contribute to her Artist 100 total, soaring to Nos. 9 (34,000) and 19 (20,000) on Top Album Sales, respectively. Digital song sales (12 percent), streaming (4 percent), radio airplay (2 percent) and social reaction (1 percent) account for the remainder of Adele's Artist 100 contributors. —Gary Trust

2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
65	49	37	BIG SEAN	G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	2	58
47	66	38	COLDPLAY	PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG	23	38
51	44	39	RACHEL PLATTEN	COLUMBIA	12	31
63	48	40	POST MALONE	REPUBLIC	40	7
31	37	41	MAROON 5	222/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	74
-	24	42	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	LAVA/REPUBLIC	24	8
59	45	43	WIZ KHALIFA	TAYLOR GANG/ATLANTIC/AG	2	74
NEW		44	JADAKISS	SO RASPY/D-BLOCK/RUFF RYDERS/DEF JAM	44	1
39	39	45	X AMBASSADORS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	21	22
10	28	46	ERIC CHURCH	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	8	73
76	71	47	RIHANNA	WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	11	70
-	95	48	MARIAH CAREY	EPIC	43	9
53	52	49	RAE SREMMURD	EARDRUMA/INTERSCOPE/IGA	7	65
45	46	50	ZAC BROWN BAND	JOHN VARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	1	60
83	92	51	CHARLIE PUTH	ARTIST PARTNERS GROUP/ATLANTIC/AG	30	35
42	47	52	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG	1	74
43	57	53	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER	HI OR HEY/CAPITOL	1	50
44	43	54	EMINEM	WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	11	74
66	65	55	ILOVEMEMPHIS	PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR	50	14
71	42	56	WALK THE MOON	RCA	8	47
-	72	57	G-EAZY	G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	57	4
92	96	58	ANDY GRAMMER	S-CURVE	18	37
-	83	59	TORY LANEZ	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	59	2
61	62	60	BEYONCE	PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	6	74
81	50	61	HALSEY	ASTRALWERKS	4	13
56	60	62	JASON ALDEAN	BROKEN BOW/BBMG	1	74
NEW		63	ENYA	AIGLE/WARNER BROS.	63	1
40	64	64	SIA	MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	5	74
77	74	65	CAM	ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	57	14
67	70	66	JASON DERULO	BELUGA HEIGHTS/WARNER BROS.	4	72
RE-ENTRY		67	BING CROSBY	DECCA/MCA/GEFFEN/UME	67	5
RE-ENTRY		68	MICHAEL BUBLE	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	17	8
57	51	69	BRUNO MARS	ATLANTIC/AG	10	74
60	68	70	R. CITY	KEMOSABE/RCA	18	17
84	20	71	JORDAN SMITH	REPUBLIC	20	3
-	94	72	FLO RIDA	POE BOY/ATLANTIC/AG	23	37

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-	93	73	MARK RONSON	RCA	5	50
79	89	74	KENDRICK LAMAR	TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	50
50	61	75	ELVIS PRESLEY	RCA/LEGACY	31	12
68	81	76	OMI	LOUDER THAN LIFE/ULTRA/COLUMBIA	5	30
89	36	77	TY DOLLA \$IGN	ATLANTIC/AG	36	3
RE-ENTRY		78	FIFTH HARMONY	SYCO/EPIC	12	48
80	82	79	DJ SNAKE	DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	38	37
69	84	80	MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS	MACKLEMORE	25	13
18	59	81	TIM MCGRAW	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG	10	58
RE-ENTRY		82	GWEN STEFANI	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	54	3
70	77	83	IMAGINE DRAGONS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	2	74
94	87	84	DAN + SHAY	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	84	5
75	90	85	JEREMIH	MICK SCHULTZ/DEF JAM	30	70
-	99	86	DAYA	ARTBEATZ	86	2
-	7	87	LOGIC	DEF JAM	7	3
RE-ENTRY		88	NICK JONAS	SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND	11	61
NEW		89	AMY VACHAL	REPUBLIC	89	1
74	79	90	HOZIER	RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	5	65
85	85	91	KEITH URBAN	HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	55	42
88	67	92	MILEY CYRUS	RCA	25	51
29	73	93	OLD DOMINION	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	29	11
-	86	94	PANIC! AT THE DISCO	DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	46	7
RE-ENTRY		95	YOUNG THUG	300/ATLANTIC/AG	52	18
-	76	96	PHARRELL WILLIAMS	I AM OTHER/COLUMBIA	9	49
-	100	97	BROTHERS OSBORNE	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	97	2
RE-ENTRY		98	RICH HOMIE QUAN	RICH HOMIEZ/THINK IT'S A GAME	53	45
RE-ENTRY		99	REMY BOYZ	RGF/300	95	5
97	98	100	JANA KRAMER	ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WMN	22	7

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The week's most popular artists across all genres, ranked by album and track sales as measured by Nielsen Music, radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music, streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Nielsen Music and fan interaction on social networking sites as compiled by Next Big Sound. See Charts Legend on billboard.com/biz for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, Inc. All rights reserved.

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HOT SHOT DEBUT	1	#1 WK ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	25	1	1
1	2	JUSTIN BIEBER SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Purpose	1	2
2	3	ONE DIRECTION SYCO/COLUMBIA	Made In The A.M.	2	2
NEW	4	JADAKISS 50 RASPY/D-BLOCK/RUFF RYDERS/DEF JAM	Top 5 Dead Or Alive	4	1
8	5	THE WEEKND XO/REPUBLIC	Beauty Behind The Madness	1	13
13	6	GG PENTATONIX RCA	That's Christmas To Me	2	17
6	7	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	Traveller	1	11
NEW	8	ENYA AIGLE/WARNER BROS.	Dark Sky Island	8	1
25	9	ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	21	1	249
11	10	FETTY WAP RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	1	9
18	11	TAYLOR SWIFT BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1989	1	57
16	12	VARIOUS ARTISTS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME	NOW 56	4	4
33	13	SHAWN MENDES ISLAND	Handwritten	1	33
26	14	CARRIE UNDERWOOD 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	Storyteller	2	5
27	15	MEGHAN TRAINOR EPIC	Title	1	46
NEW	16	SOUNDTRACK Empire: Original Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1 20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA	16	1	
24	17	SELENA GOMEZ INTERSCOPE/IGA	Revival	1	7
4	18	JEEZY DEF JAM	Church In These Streets	4	2
21	19	SAM HUNT MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Montevallo	3	57
55	20	PS ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	19	4	193
3	21	LOGIC DEF JAM	The Incredible True Story	3	2
37	22	PENTATONIX RCA	Pentatonix	1	6
12	23	ERIC CHURCH EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	Mr. Misunderstood	2	4
NEW	24	RUSH ANTHEM/ZOE/ROUNDER/CONCORD	R40 Live	24	1
NEW	25	TECH N9NE COLLABOS STRANGE/RBC	Strangeulation II	25	1
5	26	CHRIS YOUNG RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	I'm Comin' Over	5	2
17	27	DRAKE & FUTURE A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	What A Time To Be Alive	1	10
41	28	MICHAEL BUBLE 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Christmas	1	42
20	29	BRYSON TILLER TRAPSOUL/RCA	T R A P S O U L	11	9
22	30	THOMAS RHETT VALORY/BMLG	Tangled Up	6	9
15	31	ED SHEERAN ATLANTIC/AG	X	1	75
9	32	ALESSIA CARA EP/DEF JAM	Know-It-All	9	2
29	33	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Kill The Lights	1	16
34	34	BLAKE SHELTON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	5	5
45	35	ELLE KING RCA	Love Stuff	26	31
30	36	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	1	28
19	37	ELLIE GOULDING CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Delirium	3	3
7	38	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/REPUBLIC	Letters From The Labyrinth	7	2
47	39	DEMI LOVATO SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD	Confident	2	6
42	40	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	If You're Reading This It's Too Late	1	42
31	41	FUTURE A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	DS2	1	19
43	42	KIDZ BOP KIDS RAZOR & TIE	Kidz Bop 30	12	6
32	43	SAM SMITH CAPITOL	In The Lonely Hour	2	76
38	44	HALSEY ASTRALWERKS	Badlands	2	13
39	45	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER HI OR HEV/CAPITOL	Sounds Good Feels Good	1	5
46	46	J. COLE DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	2014 Forest Hills Drive	1	51
NEW	47	GRATEFUL DEAD GRATEFUL DEAD/RHINO	Fare Thee Well: July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2015	47	1
44	48	ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST HAMILTON UPTOWN/ATLANTIC/AG	Hamilton: An American Musical	12	9
10	49	KIRK FRANKLIN FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	10	2
125	50	VARIOUS ARTISTS VERVE/VG	We Love Disney	8	4

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48	51	CHRIS TOMLIN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship	31	5
52	52	FALL OUT BOY DCD2/ISLAND	American Beauty / American Psycho	1	45
109	53	MARIAH CAREY COLUMBIA/LEGACY	Merry Christmas	3	54
106	54	ANDREA BOCELLI SUGAR/VERVE/VG	Cinema	10	5
14	55	TY DOLLA \$IGN ATLANTIC/AG	Free TC	14	2
54	56	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	Hozier	2	60
128	57	ZAC BROWN BAND ROAR/SOUTHERN GROUND/ATLANTIC/AG	Greatest Hits So Far...	20	53
51	58	TRAVIS SCOTT GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	Rodeo	3	12
RE	59	THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. BAD BOY/RHINO	Greatest Hits	1	47
40	60	TIM MCGRAW MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG	Damn Country Music	5	3
35	61	THE BEATLES APPLE/CAPITOL/UME	1	1	200
95	62	ALABAMA SHAKES ATO	Sound & Color	1	26
RE	63	FLEETWOOD MAC WARNER BROS./RHINO	Rumours	1	198
NEW	64	THE RAGING IDIOTS BLACK RIVER	The Raging Idiots Presents... The Raging Idiots (EP)	64	1
58	65	MERCYME FAIR TRADE/PLG	MercyMe, It's Christmas!	58	3
23	66	JEFF LYNNNE'S ELO BIG TRILBY/COLUMBIA	Alone In The Universe	23	2
60	67	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH PROSPECT PARK	Got Your Six	2	12
81	68	JOSH GROBAN 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Noel	1	63
61	69	NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS STAX/CONCORD	Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	17	14
74	70	ZAC BROWN BAND JOHN VARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	JEKYLL + HYDE	1	31
72	71	BIG SEAN G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	Dark Sky Paradise	1	40
102	72	VINCE GUARALDI TRIO FANTASY/CONCORD	A Charlie Brown Christmas (Soundtrack)	23	46
150	73	JOSH GROBAN REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Stages	2	31
NEW	74	FRANK SINATRA FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME	Icon Christmas: Frank Sinatra	74	1
59	75	RAE SREMMURD EARDRUMA/INTERSCOPE/IGA	SremmLife	5	47
NEW	76	FREDDIE GIBBS ESGN/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	Shadow Of A Doubt	76	1
RE	77	KELLY CLARKSON 19/RCA	Wrapped In Red	3	18
108	78	ELVIS PRESLEY RCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP	It's Christmas Time	41	48
67	79	LITTLE BIG TOWN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Pain Killer	7	58
71	80	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Vessel	48	67
RE	81	MUSE HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	Drones	1	13
65	82	MAROON 5 222/INTERSCOPE/IGA	V	1	65
149	83	LANA DEL REY POLYDOR/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Honeymoon	2	10
70	84	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Nothing Was The Same	1	111
62	85	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Take Care	1	143
RE	86	ANDY GRAMMER S-CURVE	Magazines Or Novels	19	39
77	87	NICKI MINAJ YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	The Pinkprint	2	50
RE	88	SOUNDTRACK UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/REPUBLIC	Fifty Shades Of Grey	2	41
RE	89	NICK JONAS SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND	Nick Jonas	6	43
56	90	OLD DOMINION RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	Meat And Candy	16	3
142	91	CELINE DION 550 MUSIC/EPIC/LEGACY	These Are Special Times	2	50
RE	92	VARIOUS ARTISTS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/WALT DISNEY	NOW That's What I Call Disney Princess	90	3
68	93	X AMBASSADORS KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	VHS	7	22
181	94	LIL DICKY CMSN	Professional Rapper	7	14
94	95	ERIC CHURCH EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	The Outsiders	1	94
36	96	WALK THE MOON RCA	TALKING IS HARD	14	52
87	97	KENDRICK LAMAR TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	To Pimp A Butterfly	1	37
80	98	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG	Anything Goes	1	59
190	99	PENTATONIX RCA	PTXmas (EP)	7	16
97	100	DON HENLEY PAST MASTERS HOLDINGS/CAPITOL	Cass County	3	9



Enya Makes Top 10 Return

Enya appears in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 for the first time in seven years as new album *Dark Sky Island* debuts at No. 8. The set shifted 48,000 equivalent-album units in the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music, of which 46,000 were pure album sales.

The album is her first collection of new recordings since the holiday release *And Winter Came...* debuted and peaked at No. 8 on the Nov. 29, 2008 list. Before that, she visited the top 10 with *Amarantine* (No. 6 in 2005), *A Day Without Rain* (No. 2 in 2001) and *The Memory of Trees* (No. 9 in 1996).

Dark Sky Island also tops New Age Albums, giving the Irish singer her eighth No. 1 on the tally. Given Enya's history on the New Age Albums chart, it's likely she will be settling in for a long stay atop the list. Of her previous seven leaders, none spent fewer than 19 weeks at No. 1 (*And Winter Came...*). Her longest rule came with *A Day Without Rain*, which spent 93 weeks atop the chart.

Her eight No. 1s on the 27-year-old New Age Albums tally are surpassed only by Yanni (with 15 leaders), Mannheim Steamroller (19) and Jim Brickman (20).

Enya does, however, hold the record for the most weeks at No. 1 on the list: 358. In second place is Yanni, with 232 weeks, while Brickman is in third with 145. —Keith Caulfield

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The week's most popular albums across all genres, ranked by album sales, audio on-demand streaming activity and digital sales of tracks from albums, according to Nielsen Music. See Chart Legend on billboard.com/biz for complete rules and explanations.
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96	101	A\$AP ROCKY A\$AP WORLDWIDE/POLO GROUNDS/RCA		AT.LONG.LAST.A\$AP	1	27
79	102	ELVIS PRESLEY WITH THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCH. RCA/LEGACY		If I Can Dream	21	4
50	103	JANET RHYTHM NATION/BMG		Unbreakable	1	8
93	104	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG		Thrive	6	72
NEW	105	TRACY CHAPMAN ELEKTRA/RHINO		Greatest Hits	105	1
99	106	MELANIE MARTINEZ ATLANTIC/AG		Cry Baby	6	15
RE	107	TONY BENNETT & LADY GAGA RPM/COLUMBIA/STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/IGA		Cheek To Cheek	1	25
85	108	VARIOUS ARTISTS PLG/WORD-CURB/CAPITOL CMG		WOW Hits 2016	55	9
154	109	VARIOUS ARTISTS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME		NOW That's What I Call Country Christmas	109	2
91	110	G-EAZY G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA		These Things Happen	3	72
136	111	MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER AMERICAN GRAMAPHONE		Live	111	2
143	112	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN		Crash My Party	1	120
117	113	SHINEDOWN ATLANTIC/AG		Threat To Survival	6	10
88	114	FLEETWOOD MAC WARNER BROS.		Greatest Hits	14	113
64	115	JAMES BAY REPUBLIC		Chaos And The Calm	15	36
107	116	THE CHAINSMOKERS DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA		Bouquet (EP)	103	4
86	117	MAJOR LAZER MAD DECENT		Peace Is The Mission	12	26
127	118	FLO RIDA POE BOY/ATLANTIC/AG		My House (EP)	14	34
126	119	MUMFORD & SONS GENTLEMEN OF THE ROAD/GLASSNOTE		Wilder Mind	1	30
104	120	CARRIE UNDERWOOD 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN		Greatest Hits: Decade #1	4	51
122	121	JASON ALDEAN BROKEN BOW/BBMG		Old Boots, New Dirt	1	60
78	122	SARA BAREILLES EPIC		What's Inside: Songs From Waitress	10	3
63	123	THE GAME FIFTH ADMENMENT/BLOOD MONEY/EONE		The Documentary 2	2	7
RE	124	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/RHINO		The Lost Christmas Eve	26	55
170	125	FRANK SINATRA COLUMBIA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		Christmas Songs By Sinatra	107	21
103	126	EMINEM WEB/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/UME		The Eminem Show	1	243
132	127	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY		Descendants	1	17
RE	128	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/RHINO		Christmas Eve And Other Stories	48	43
124	129	IMAGINE DRAGONS KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA		Smoke + Mirrors	1	41
NEW	130	GRATEFUL DEAD GRATEFUL DEAD/RHINO		The Best Of Fare Thee Well July 3rd-4th-5th-2015	130	1
73	131	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE RCA		The 20/20 Experience (2 Of 2)	1	54
110	132	KENDRICK LAMAR TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA		good kid, m.A.A.d city	2	161
RE	133	THIRD DAY ESSENTIAL/PLG		Lead Us Back: Songs Of Worship	20	14
NEW	134	ROGER WATERS COLUMBIA/LEGACY		Roger Waters The Wall (Soundtrack)	134	1
105	135	GEORGE STRAIT MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN		Cold Beer Conversation	4	9
NEW	136	CALIBRE 50 ANDALUZ/SONY MUSIC LATIN		Historias de La Calle	136	1
NEW	137	WE THE KINGS OZONE ENTERTAINMENT		Strange Love	137	1
145	138	DISTURBED REPRISE/WARNER BROS.		Immortalized	1	14
84	139	CHRIS JANSON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		Buy Me A Boat	18	4
RE	140	ELTON JOHN CHRONICLES/ROCKET/ISLAND/MERCURY/UME		Rocket Man: Number Ones	9	72
123	141	LANA DEL REY POLYDOR/INTERSCOPE/IGA		Born To Die	2	200
112	142	THE WEEKND XO/REPUBLIC		Trilogy	4	91
RE	143	BING CROSBY CAPITOL		Christmas Classics	112	8
NEW	144	KALIN AND MYLES REPUBLIC		Kalin And Myles	144	1
98	145	MEEK MILL MAYBACH/ATLANTIC/AG		Dreams Worth More Than Money	1	22
RE	146	SOUNDTRACK REPUBLIC/UME		Pitch Perfect 2	1	28
RE	147	VARIOUS ARTISTS MARANATHA/CAPITOL CMG		Top 25 Praise Songs: 2016 Edition	112	6
113	148	MAC MILLER WARNER BROS.		GO:OD AM	4	10
133	149	IMAGINE DRAGONS KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA		Night Visions	2	169
165	150	2PAC AMARIJ/DEATH ROW/INTERSCOPE/UME		Greatest Hits	3	122

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138	151	ED SHEERAN ELEKTRA/AG		+	5	172
130	152	VARIOUS ARTISTS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/LEGACY		NOW 55	3	16
144	153	BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS TUFF GONG/ISLAND/UME		Legend: The Best Of...	5	393
134	154	EMINEM SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA		Curtain Call: The Hits	1	269
RE	155	JEREMY CAMP STOLEN PRIDE/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		I Will Follow	25	11
120	156	SIA MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA		1000 Forms Of Fear	1	70
RE	157	MARTINA MCBRIDE RCA NASHVILLE/SMN		White Christmas	64	34
RE	158	MERCYME FAIR TRADE/PLG		Welcome To The New	4	48
129	159	LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG		How Can It Be	30	29
166	160	SOUNDTRACK BLUESKY/20TH CENTURY FOX/EPIC		The Peanuts Movie	83	5
114	161	DEF LEPPARD BLUDGEON RIFFOLA/MAILBOAT		Def Leppard	10	4
RE	162	FRANK SINATRA FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME		Ultimate Sinatra	32	22
161	163	TAYLOR SWIFT BIG MACHINE/BMLG		Red	1	137
76	164	DISCLOSURE METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL		Caracal	9	9
155	165	JOURNEY COLUMBIA/LEGACY		Journey's Greatest Hits	10	384
162	166	SOUNDTRACK WALT DISNEY		Frozen	1	105
186	167	ALANIS MORISSETTE MAVERICK/REPRISE/RHINO		Jagged Little Pill	1	123
92	168	CHRIS TOMLIN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		Love Ran Red	8	27
177	169	BRUNO MARS ELEKTRA/AG		Doo-Wops & Hooligans	3	254
RE	170	SOUNDTRACK MARVEL/HOLLYWOOD		Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1	1	68
179	171	METALLICA BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.		Master Of Puppets	29	111
RE	172	JOHNNY MATHIS COLUMBIA/LEGACY		Gold: A 50th Anniversary Christmas Celebration	114	13
173	173	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC		My Everything	1	66
182	174	BING CROSBY MCA/CHRONICLES/UME		20th Century Masters: The Christmas Collection	132	17
NEW	175	BLUE OCTOBER UP DOWN/BRANDO		Things We Do At Night (Live From Texas)	175	1
RE	176	SOUNDTRACK 20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA		Empire: Original Soundtrack From Season 1	1	32
164	177	BRING ME THE HORIZON COLUMBIA		That's The Spirit	2	11
RE	178	JUSTIN BIEBER SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/ISLAND/IDJMG		Under The Mistletoe	1	25
146	179	TOBYMAC FOREFRONT/CAPITOL CMG		This Is Not A Test	4	16
RE	180	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG		Peace On Earth	15	38
169	181	KIDS CHOIR STAR SONG/CAPITOL CMG		51 Songs Kids Really Love To Sing	81	32
172	182	TOVE LO ISLAND		Queen Of The Clouds	14	61
152	183	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG		Here's To The Good Times	4	156
115	184	LOGIC VISIONARY/DEF JAM		Under Pressure	4	19
178	185	BREAKING BENJAMIN HOLLYWOOD		Dark Before Dawn	1	23
RE	186	BLAKE SHELTON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		Cheers, It's Christmas	8	29
NEW	187	YELLOW CLAW MAD DECENT		Blood For Mercy	187	1
53	188	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG		A Live Worship Experience	53	2
141	189	ONE DIRECTION SYCO/COLUMBIA		FOUR	1	54
131	190	R. CITY KEMOSABE/RCA		What Dreams Are Made Of	25	7
180	191	DAYA ARTBEATZ		Daya (EP)	136	7
RE	192	LEON BRIDGES LISASAWYER63/COLUMBIA		Coming Home	6	21
159	193	BRANTLEY GILBERT VALORY/BMLG		Just As I Am	2	80
RE	194	ELVIS PRESLEY RCA/LEGACY		The Classic Christmas Album	90	19
195	195	METALLICA BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.		...And Justice For All	6	109
RE	196	MATTHEW WEST SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		Live Forever	51	2
RE	197	ANDREA BOCELLI SUGAR/DECCA/VERVE/VG		My Christmas	2	48
RE	198	BURL IVES MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME		Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer	92	17
140	199	QUEEN HOLLYWOOD		Greatest Hits I II & III: The Platinum Collection	48	18
163	200	TREY SONGZ SONGBOOK/ATLANTIC/AG		Trigga	1	68

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SOUNDTRACK
Empire: Season 2, Volume 1

After the chart-topping bow of the *Empire Season 1* soundtrack, the hit show returns with its second full-length offering at No. 16. The new set, *Empire: Original Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1*, arrives with 30,000 equivalent-album units earned in the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music. Of that sum, 22,000 were pure album sales. That's a decline from the 130,000 units (and 110,000 in sales) that greeted the No. 1 arrival of the first *Empire* release on the March 28 list.

—K.C.

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THE RAGING IDIOTS
The Raging Idiots

Radio personality **Bobby Bones** and his producer **Eddie Garcia** bring their alter-ego musical duo **The Raging Idiots** to *Billboard's* charts for the first time. This kid-friendly six-song set also debuts at No. 3 on Kid Albums.

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TRACY CHAPMAN
Greatest Hits

The singer-songwriter's first U.S. greatest-hits album enters at No. 105 (and No. 3 on Folk Albums) and grants **Chapman** her first visit to the list since 2008's *Our Bright Future* (which peaked at No. 57).

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Mendes, Sinatra Make Moves

Handwritten from Shawn Mendes (below) vaults up Top Album Sales 90-31 with a 237 percent gain in the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music, thanks to a newly released deluxe version of the set. The reworked album, dubbed *Handwritten Revisited*, includes live tracks and previously unreleased studio recordings. The reissue and original album were merged together for sales tracking and charting purposes and sold a combined 13,000 copies for the week.

One of the bonus tracks, the new studio song “I Know What You Did Last Summer,” rises 97-55 on the Billboard Hot 100. The tune, which is a duet with Fifth Harmony’s Camila Cabello, also bows at No. 35 on Mainstream Top 40 with a 220 percent rise in audience at the format for the week ending Nov. 29.

Meanwhile, on the Jazz Albums chart, another pop singer makes waves: Frank Sinatra. Ol’ Blue Eyes dips 2-3 with the best-of set *Ultimate Sinatra* while also debuting at No. 6 with *A Voice on Air: 1935-1955*. The new archival collection boasts 91 previously unreleased radio performances, including his first in 1935: “S-H-I-N-E,” with The Hoboken Four.

Sinatra also tallies a new entry on the Billboard 200 as *Icon Christmas: Frank Sinatra* bows at No. 74 (8,000 equivalent-album units — all from pure album sales, as the set is a CD-only release). The album was released in 2013 but finally dents the big chart with its best sales week, thanks to sale pricing and promotion. (The 11-song set is available for \$5.99 at Walmart, for example.)

—Keith Caulfield



Album Sales

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TOP ALBUM SALES™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION	Title	WKS. ON CHART
		IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL			
	1	#1 ADELE	XL/COLUMBIA	25	1
1	2	JUSTIN BIEBER	SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Purpose	2
2	3	ONE DIRECTION	SYCO/COLUMBIA	Made In The A.M.	2
NEW	4	JADAKISS	Top 5 Dead Or Alive	1	
	5	PENTATONIX	▲ That's Christmas To Me	16	
	6	CHRIS STAPLETON	MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN	Traveller	12
NEW	7	ENYA	ANGEL/WARNER BROS.	Dark Sky Island	1
11	8	VARIOUS ARTISTS	UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME	NOW 56	4
21	9	ADELE	▲▲ XL/COLUMBIA		212
17	10	THE WEEKND	● Beauty Behind The Madness	13	
15	11	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	Storyteller	5
19	12	TAYLOR SWIFT	▲ BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1989	57
4	13	JEEZY	DEF JAM	Church In These Streets	2
NEW	14	RUSH	ANTHEM/ZOE/ROUNDER/CONCORD	R40 Live	1
NEW	15	TECH N9NE COLLABOS	Strangeulation II	1	
NEW	16	SOUNDTRACK	Empire: Original Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1	1	
9	17	ERIC CHURCH	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	Mr. Misunderstood	4
26	18	PENTATONIX	RCA	Pentatonix	6
55	19	ADELE	▲ XL/COLUMBIA		193
5	20	CHRIS YOUNG	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	I'm Comin' Over	2
6	21	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	LAWA/REPUBLIC	Letters From The Labyrinth	2
3	22	LOGIC	DEF JAM	The Incredible True Story	2
31	23	MICHAEL BUBLE	143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Christmas	41
23	24	KIDZ BOP KIDS	RAZOR & TIE	Kidz Bop 30	6
29	25	SAM HUNT	● MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Montevallo	57
33	26	BLAKE SHELTON	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WJMN	Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	5
44	27	MEGHAN TRAINOR	● EPIC	Title	46
27	28	LUKE BRYAN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Kill The Lights	16
NEW	29	GRATEFUL DEAD	GRATEFUL DEAD/RHINO	Fare Thee Well, July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2015	1
41	30	FETTY WAP	RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	9
90	31	SHAWN MENDES	ISLAND	Handwritten	31
8	32	KIRK FRANKLIN	FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	2
30	33	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER	HI OR HEV/CAPITOL	Sounds Good Feels Good	5
48	34	SELENA GOMEZ	INTERSCOPE/IGA	Revival	7
28	35	THOMAS RHETT	VALORY/BMLG	Tangled Up	9
87	36	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VERVE/VG	We Love Disney	4
25	37	CHRIS TOMLIN	Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship	5	
61	38	ANDREA BOCELLI	SUGAR/VERVE/VG	Cinema	5
20	39	ED SHEERAN	▲ ATLANTIC/AG	X	75
39	40	TWENTY ONE PILOTS	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	28
40	41	SAM SMITH	▲ CAPITOL	In The Lonely Hour	76
12	42	ALESSIA CARA	EP/DEF JAM	Know-It-All	2
83	43	ELLE KING	RCA	Love Stuff	27
36	44	ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST	HAMILTON: An American Musical	9	
78	45	DEMI LOVATO	SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD	Confident	6
NEW	46	THE RAGING IDIOTS	Black River	The Raging Idiots Presents... The Raging Kidz	1
37	47	BRYSON TILLER	TRAPSOUL/RCA	T R A P S O U L	9
14	48	JEFF LYNNE, ÅOS ELO	Alone In The Universe	2	
47	49	HALSEY	ASTRALWERKS	Badlands	13
38	50	MERCYME	FAIR TRADE/PLG	MercyMe, It's Christmas!	3

HEATSEEKERS ALBUMS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION	Title	WKS. ON CHART
		IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL			
NEW	1	#1 YELLOW CLAW	Blood For Mercy	1	
	2	GG RHONDA VINCENT	Christmas Time	3	
NEW	3	WAGE WAR	Blueprints	1	
22	4	THE BRAXTONS	Braxton Family Christmas	4	
NEW	5	I LOVE MAKONNEN	I LOVE MAKONNEN 2 (EP)	1	
NEW	6	JUNJUN	Shye Ben Tzur, Jonny Greenwood And The Rajasthan Express	1	
11	7	ALINA BARAZ & GALIMATIAS	Urban Flora (EP)	27	
19	8	THE CHAINSMOKERS	Bouquet (EP)	5	
RE	9	GENTRI	GENTRI (EP)	4	
NEW	10	BAHJA RODRIGUEZ	It Gets Better (EP)	1	
1	11	STICK FIGURE	Set In Stone	2	
RE	12	DAVE RAWLINGS MACHINE	Nashville Obsolete	7	
NEW	13	HOPE CHAPEL	Whatever May Come	1	
2	14	ONEOHTRIX POINT NEVER	Garden Of Delete	2	
7	15	CHRISTINE AND THE QUEENS	Christine And The Queens	2	
RE	16	GLASS ANIMALS	Zaba	68	
NEW	17	CRYWOLF	Cataclasm	1	
RE	18	MIPSO	Old Time Reverie	2	
NEW	19	MERCY RIVER	All Is Bright	1	
NEW	20	ARCA	Mutant	1	
NEW	21	SOLUTION .45	Nightmares In The Waking State, Part I	1	
16	22	RON FUNCHES	The Funches Of Us	2	
NEW	23	EYAN MAYWEATHER	Olamide	1	
NEW	24	GTA	D.T.G. V.2: Death To Genres (EP)	1	
NEW	25	PEOPLE UNDER THE STAIRS	The Gettin' Off Stage, Step 1 (EP)	1	

JAZZ ALBUMS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION	Title	WKS. ON CHART
		IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL			
1	1	#1 TONY BENNETT & LADY GAGA	Cheek To Cheek	63	
8	2	INDIA.ARIE & JOE SAMPLE	Christmas With Friends	6	
2	3	FRANK SINATRA	Ultimate Sinatra	32	
NEW	4	FOURPLAY	Silver	1	
3	5	TONY BENNETT & BILL CHARLAP	The Silver Lining: The Music Of Jerome Kern	9	
NEW	6	FRANK SINATRA	A Voice On Air: 1935-1955	1	
NEW	7	WEATHER REPORT	The Legendary Live Tapes: 1978-1981	1	
4	8	DIANA KRALL	Wallflower	43	
11	9	THE COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA	A Very Swingin' Basie Christmas!	3	
16	10	JOHN PIZZARELLI	Midnight Mccartney	7	
7	11	CECILE MCLORIN SALVANT	For One To Love	10	
6	12	BRAD MEHLDAU	10 Years: Solo Live	2	
10	13	KAMASI WASHINGTON	The Epic	30	
15	14	VINCE GUARALDI TRIO	Peanuts Greatest Hit	14	
14	15	LETTUCE	Crush	3	
9	16	JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCH. WITH W. MARSHALLS	Big Band Holidays	3	
12	17	SETH MACFARLANE	No One Ever Tells You	7	
22	18	FRANK SINATRA	Ultimate Sinatra: The Centennial Collection	29	
5	19	FLOATING POINTS	Elaenia	3	
19	20	ST GERMAIN	St Germain	7	
13	21	BONEY JAMES	Futuresoul	30	
17	22	PIECES OF A DREAM	All In	3	
RE	23	TOMMY EMMANUEL	It's Never Too Late	3	
20	24	ERROLL GARNER	The Complete Concert By The Sea, CA Sept. 19, 1955	10	
21	25	SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX	Top Hat On Fleek	3	



Yellow Claw Takes Hold

Dutch DJ trio Yellow Claw (above) jumps in at No. 1 on both Heatseeker Albums and Top Dance/Electronic Albums with its studio set *Blood for Mercy* (3,000 sold in the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music). It's the act's second visit to both lists following *Amsterdam Trap Music, Vol. 2* in 2014, which peaked at No. 29 on Heatseekers Albums and No. 20 on Dance/Electronic Albums.

Yellow Claw previously scored hits on Hot Dance/Electronic Songs with “Till It Hurts” (featuring Ayden), which peaked at No. 31 in March, and “Pillz” (with Flosstradamus featuring Green Velvet), which hit No. 42 in 2013.

In 2014, Yellow Claw also claimed a 10-week run on the Billboard + Twitter Emerging Artists chart with “Shotgun” (featuring Rochelle), peaking at No. 11. The track's official music video has racked up 68.6 million global views on YouTube since its debut in November 2013. It's the most popular clip on Yellow Claw's YouTube channel, which has amassed 190 million views.

Elsewhere on Heatseekers Albums, bluegrass singer-songwriter Rhonda Vincent zooms 21-2 with her holiday release *Christmas Time* (2,000 sold; up 197 percent). The album rises thanks to sales generated at Vincent's recent concerts. On Bluegrass Albums, the set (her 10th top 10) is flirting with taking over the No. 1 slot as it holds at No. 2 for a fourth straight week. —K.C.

TOP ALBUM SALES: The week's top-selling albums across all genres, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. HEATSEEKERS ALBUMS: The week's top-selling albums by new or developing acts, defined as those who have never appeared in the top 100 of the Billboard 200 or the top 10 of Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums, Top Country Albums, Top Latin Albums, Christian Albums or Gospel Albums. If a title reaches any of those levels, it and the act's subsequent albums are then eligible to appear on Heatseekers Albums. Titles are ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. JAZZ ALBUMS: The week's top-selling current jazz albums, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. See Charts Legend on billboard.com/biz for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, Inc. All rights reserved.



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HOLIDAY 100™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS. WKS. ON CHART
RE-ENTRY	1	1	#1 16 WKS	ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU	● Mariah Carey COLUMBIA/LEGACY	1 21
RE-ENTRY	2	2		ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE	Brenda Lee DECCA/MCA NASHVILLE/UME	2 21
RE-ENTRY	3	3		THE CHRISTMAS SONG (MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU)	Nat King Cole CAPITOL/UME	2 21
RE-ENTRY	4	4		JINGLE BELL ROCK	Bobby Helms DECCA/MCA NASHVILLE/UME	3 21
RE-ENTRY	5	5		WHITE CHRISTMAS	Bing Crosby MCA/UME	5 21
RE-ENTRY	6	6		A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS	Burl Ives MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME	5 21
RE-ENTRY	7	7		LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW	Dean Martin CAPITOL/UME	7 20
RE-ENTRY	8	8		CHRISTMAS EVE (SARAJEVO 12/24)	● Trans-Siberian Orchestra ATLANTIC/LAVA/RHINO	4 21
RE-ENTRY	9	9		FELIZ NAVIDAD	Jose Feliciano RCA/LEGACY	3 21
RE-ENTRY	10	10		RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER	Gene Autry COLUMBIA/LEGACY	10 21
RE-ENTRY	11	11		LAST CHRISTMAS	Wham! COLUMBIA/LEGACY	5 21
RE-ENTRY	12	12		IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR	Andy Williams COLUMBIA/LEGACY	6 21
RE-ENTRY	13	13		MARY, DID YOU KNOW?	Pentatonix RCA	1 6
RE-ENTRY	14	14		IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS	Michael Bublé 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	10 21
RE-ENTRY	15	15		HAPPY XMAS (WAR IS OVER)	John Lennon & Yoko Ono CAPITOL/UME	9 21
RE-ENTRY	16	16		WONDERFUL CHRISTMASTIME	Paul McCartney MPL/HEAR/CMG	16 21
RE-ENTRY	17	17		CHRISTMAS CANON	Trans-Siberian Orchestra LAVA/ATLANTIC/RHINO	9 21
RE-ENTRY	18	18		IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS	Johnny Mathis COLUMBIA/LEGACY	17 21
RE-ENTRY	19	19		BLUE CHRISTMAS	▲ Elvis Presley RCA/LEGACY	12 21
RE-ENTRY	20	20		LINUS & LUCY	Vince Guaraldi Trio FANTASY/CMG	17 16
RE-ENTRY	21	21		SLEIGH RIDE	The Ronettes PHIL SPECTOR/LEGACY	21 16
RE-ENTRY	22	22		HAPPY HOLIDAY/THE HOLIDAY SEASON	Andy Williams COLUMBIA/LEGACY	21 21
RE-ENTRY	23	23		HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS (RIGHT DOWN SANTA CLAUS LANE)	Elvis Presley RCA/LEGACY	23 12
RE-ENTRY	24	24		IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS	Bing Crosby DECCA/MCA/UME	18 21
RE-ENTRY	25	25		PLEASE COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS	Eagles ASYLUM/ELEKTRA/RHINO	18 21
RE-ENTRY	26	26		YOU'RE A MEAN ONE, MR. GRINCH	Thurl Ravenscroft TURNER ENTERTAINMENT/RHINO	15 21
RE-ENTRY	27	27		HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS (DOWN SANTA CLAUS LANE)	Gene Autry COLUMBIA/LEGACY	27 19
RE-ENTRY	28	28		MISTLETOE	▲ Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	1 21
RE-ENTRY	29	29		SLEIGH RIDE	Amy Grant AMY GRANT/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	29 2
RE-ENTRY	30	30		SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN	Bruce Springsteen COLUMBIA/LEGACY	16 21
RE-ENTRY	31	31		BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE	Idina Menzel Duet With Michael Bublé WARNER BROS.	14 6
RE-ENTRY	32	32		SANTA TELL ME	Ariana Grande REPUBLIC	1 6
RE-ENTRY	33	33		CAROL OF THE BELLS	David Foster INTERSCOPE/UME	33 12
RE-ENTRY	34	34		HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS	Frank Sinatra CAPITOL/UME	34 12
RE-ENTRY	35	35		THE CHIPMUNK SONG (CHRISTMAS DON'T BE LATE)	David Seville & The Chipmunks LIBERTY/CAPITOL/UME	35 14
RE-ENTRY	36	36		LAST CHRISTMAS	Taylor Swift BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	18 21
NEW	37	37		ADESTE FIDELIS (OH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL)	Bing Crosby DECCA/HALLMARK/UME	37 1
RE-ENTRY	38	38		DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?	Bing Crosby CAPITOL/UME	38 10
RE-ENTRY	39	39		THE THANKSGIVING SONG	Adam Sandler WARNER BROS.	23 5
RE-ENTRY	40	40		CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE	Vince Guaraldi Trio FANTASY/CMG	20 21
RE-ENTRY	41	41		LITTLE SAINT NICK	The Beach Boys CAPITOL/UME	36 20
RE-ENTRY	42	42		CHRISTMAS (BABY PLEASE COME HOME)	Mariah Carey COLUMBIA/LEGACY	20 17
RE-ENTRY	43	43		RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER	Burl Ives MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME	31 13
RE-ENTRY	44	44		SLEIGH RIDE	Leroy Anderson DECCA/UME	18 20
RE-ENTRY	45	45		WHERE ARE YOU CHRISTMAS?	Faith Hill INTERSCOPE/UME	15 21
RE-ENTRY	46	46		SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN	Frank Sinatra With Cyndi Lauper SPECIAL OLYMPICS/A&M/UME	46 6
RE-ENTRY	47	47		THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY	The Harry Simeone Chorale 20TH CENTURY FOX/MERCURY/UME	25 21
RE-ENTRY	48	48		HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS	Michael Bublé 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	22 16
RE-ENTRY	49	49		DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS?	● Band-Aid COLUMBIA/LEGACY	14 20
RE-ENTRY	50	50		JINGLE BELLS	Frank Sinatra CAPITOL/UME	30 12

HOLIDAY ALBUMS™					
Last Week	This Week	Artist	Certification Imprint/Distributing Label	Title	Wks. On Chart
1	1	#1 14 WKS MICHAEL BUBLE	GG PENTATONIX RCA	That's Christmas To Me	18
3	2	MICHAEL BUBLE	143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Christmas	55
2	3	CHRIS TOMLIN	Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship SIXTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		5
4	4	MERCYME	MercyMe, It's Christmas!		7
49	5	FRANK SINATRA	Icon Christmas: Frank Sinatra FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME		3
15	6	MARIAH CAREY	Merry Christmas COLUMBIA/LEGACY		219
5	7	JOSH GROBAN	Noel 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.		107
6	8	ELVIS PRESLEY	It's Christmas Time RCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		137
7	9	VINCE GUARALDI TRIO	A Charlie Brown Christmas (Soundtrack) FANTASY/CONCORD		230
36	10	KELLY CLARKSON	Wrapped In Red 19/RCA		22
9	11	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW That's What I Call Country Christmas UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME		3
11	12	CELINE DION	These Are Special Times 550 MUSIC/EPIC/LEGACY		203
8	13	MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER	Live AMERICAN GRAMAPHONE		4
21	14	PENTATONIX	PTXmas (EP) RCA		29
19	15	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	The Lost Christmas Eve LAVA/RHINO		123
43	16	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	Christmas Eve And Other Stories LAVA/RHINO		175
12	17	FRANK SINATRA	Christmas Songs By Sinatra COLUMBIA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		44
18	18	JOHNNY MATHIS	Gold: A 50th Anniversary Christmas Celebration UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME		35
20	19	CASTING CROWNS	Peace On Earth BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG		69
23	20	ANDREA BOCELLI	My Christmas SUGAR/DECCA/VERVE/VG		63
22	21	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW Christmas UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME		23
17	22	ELVIS PRESLEY	Elvis: Ultimate Christmas RCA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		3
47	23	BLAKE SHELTON	Cheers, It's Christmas WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		34
RE	24	BING CROSBY	Christmas Classics CAPITOL		9
14	25	ELVIS PRESLEY	Merry Christmas... Love, Elvis RCA/LEGACY		32
16	26	BING CROSBY	20th Century Masters: The Christmas Collection MCA/CHRONICLES/UME		37
28	27	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	Dreams Of Fireflies (On A Christmas Night) (EP) REPUBLIC		40
26	28	BURL IVES	Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME		156
30	29	DARIUS RUCKER	Home For The Holidays CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN		12
27	30	FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI	Christmas FERVENT/WORD-CURB/WMN		22
24	31	THE COUNTDOWN KIDS	Santa Claus Music Puzzle SONOMA		11
RE	32	INDIA.ARIE & JOE SAMPLE	Christmas With Friends SOULBIRD/MOTOWN/CAPITOL		2
38	33	SOUNDTRACK	Elf NEW LINE/WATERTOWER		86
RE	34	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA	The Christmas Attic LAVA/AG		127
29	35	CHICAGO	Christmas: What's It Gonna Be, Santa? RHINO		35
10	36	TRAIN	Christmas In Tahoe SUNKEN FOREST/CRUSH MUSIC		2
37	37	THE TEMPTATIONS	The Best Of The Temptations Christmas MOTOWN/UME		30
RE	38	'N SYNC	Home For Christmas RCA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		96
46	39	THE PIANO GUYS	A Family Christmas PORTRAIT/SONY MASTERWORKS		27
45	40	CARPENTERS	Christmas Portrait A&M/UME		183
RE	41	THE GAITHER VOCAL BAND	Christmas Collection GAITHER/CAPITOL CMG		7
40	42	MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER	30/40 AMERICAN GRAMAPHONE		12
33	43	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Do You Hear What I Hear?: Women Of Christmas SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		43
RE	44	BING CROSBY	White Christmas MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/UME		228
31	45	KENNY ROGERS	Once Again It's Christmas WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN		6
39	46	IDINA MENZEL	Holiday Wishes WARNER BROS.		14
32	47	SUSAN BOYLE	The Gift SYCO/COLUMBIA		37
35	48	MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER	Christmas Extraordinaire AMERICAN GRAMAPHONE		98
34	49	ANDY WILLIAMS	Personal Christmas Collection COLUMBIA/LEGACY		31
RE	50	VARIOUS ARTISTS	The Essential NOW That's What I Call Christmas UNIVERSAL/EMI/SONY MUSIC/UME		63



Caroling, Caroling

Billboard's Holiday 100 chart makes its annual return, ranking the top seasonal songs according to the same formula used for the Billboard Hot 100 (measuring sales, airplay and streaming). In what has become a modern tradition, **Mariah Carey's** "All I Want for Christmas Is You" leads the list (for a 16th week of the chart's 21 frames since its launch in 2011). The 1994 chestnut keeps popping, ruling Holiday Digital Songs (17,000 sold; up 78 percent, according to Nielsen Music) and Holiday Streaming Songs (3.2 million U.S. streams, up 58 percent). It ranks at No. 2 on Holiday Airplay (24 million in audience, up 163 percent), just below **Brenda Lee's** 1958 classic "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Meanwhile, Carey's first holiday album, *Merry Christmas*, featuring "All I Want for Christmas Is You," brightens the top 10 of Top Holiday Albums for the first time in nearly 17 years, dashing 15-6 (8,000 sold; up 136 percent). It's the set's first sleigh ride to the tier since Jan. 9, 1999 and its highest rank since reaching No. 3 on Jan. 11, 1997. The long absence from the top 10 is surprising, considering the enduring appeal of the album and its iconic hit atop the Holiday 100. The LP has sold 5.4 million copies since its release (and moved 61,000 in 2014 alone).

Perhaps even more surprising: *Merry Christmas* has spent just one week atop Holiday Albums, reaching No. 1 in its debut frame (of 219 total) the week of Nov. 26, 1994.

—Gary Trust
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‘Boys’ Makes Fancy Debut

Who Is Fancy (below) bows at No. 13 on Billboard + Twitter Top Tracks with “Boys Like You,” which features pop princesses Ariana Grande and Meghan Trainor. The song also darts 5-1 to collect its first frame leading the Billboard + Twitter Emerging Artists survey. “Boys” breaks out after its animated poolside music video, which has collected more than 2.1 million global views, premiered Nov. 22. The following day, the trio gave the track’s first live performance on ABC’s *Dancing With the Stars*.

Meanwhile, Adele’s “Hello” greets the summit as it steps 2-1 in its sixth week. The songstress’ ascent comes as third album 25 debuts atop the Billboard 200 with record-breaking sales. Two additional 25 cuts enter: “Water Under the Bridge” (No. 19) and “Million Years Ago” (No. 47), which Adele performed on NBC’s *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* (Nov. 23) and *Today* (Nov. 25), respectively. Buzz for 25 sparks 200,000 Twitter mentions for the week ending Nov. 29, according to Next Big Sound.

M.I.A. returns with “Borders,” which clinches a No. 24 entry. The politically aware track highlights the ongoing refugee crisis, and its video — which the artist directed — shows solidarity with the situation amid depictions of migrations by land and sea. The single is expected to appear on M.I.A.’s upcoming fifth album, *Matahdatah*.

—Trevor Anderson



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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
2	1	 HELLO	Adele	6
7	2	PERFECT	One Direction	8
1	3	SORRY	Justin Bieber	6
3	4	LOVE YOURSELF	Justin Bieber	3
RE	5	INFINITY	One Direction	8
35	6	HEY EVERYBODY!	5 Seconds Of Summer	8
12	7	CONFIDENT	Demi Lovato	11
11	8	WHAT DO YOU MEAN?	Justin Bieber	18
40	9	SAME OLD LOVE	Selena Gomez	12
8	10	FOCUS	Ariana Grande	8
RE	11	MONEY	5 Seconds Of Summer	5
16	12	HOTLINE BLING	Drake	8
NEW	13	BOYS LIKE YOU	Who Is Fancy Feat. Ariana Grande & Meghan Trainor	1
4	14	WHEN WE WERE YOUNG	Adele	2
RE	15	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME	Coldplay	3
6	16	JET BLACK HEART	5 Seconds Of Summer	10
RE	17	WHAT A FEELING	One Direction	2
20	18	HISTORY	One Direction	4
NEW	19	WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE	Adele	1
18	20	DRAG ME DOWN	One Direction	18
41	21	WORTH IT	Fifth Harmony Feat. Kid Ink	39
38	22	STITCHES	Shawn Mendes	26
NEW	23	WOLVES	One Direction	1
NEW	24	BORDERS	M.I.A.	1
RE	25	THE HILLS	The Weeknd	25
33	26	IF I COULD FLY	One Direction	3
34	27	I'LL SHOW YOU	Justin Bieber	4
43	28	LOCKED AWAY	R. City Feat. Adam Levine	15
NEW	29	ONE CALL AWAY	Charlie Puth	1
RE	30	ZERO	Chris Brown	6
NEW	31	KEVIN	Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Feat. Leon Bridges	1
36	32	WRITING'S ON THE WALL	Sam Smith	4
14	33	THE FEELING	Justin Bieber Feat. Halsey	3
44	34	SECRET LOVE SONG	Little Mix	4
RE	35	OVER AND OVER AGAIN	Nathan Sykes	2
28	36	BLACKSTAR	David Bowie	3
22	37	COMPANY	Justin Bieber	3
RE	38	GOOD FOR YOU	Selena Gomez Feat. A\$AP Rocky	21
RE	39	LEAN ON	Major Lazer & DJ Snake Feat. MO	36
RE	40	LOVE ME LIKE YOU	Little Mix	8
39	41	TEMPORARY FIX	One Direction	2
RE	42	WILDEST DREAMS	Taylor Swift	15
25	43	NO PRESSURE	Justin Bieber Feat. Big Sean	3
42	44	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM)	Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams	3
21	45	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	Justin Bieber	3
5	46	BEFOUR	Zayn Malik	2
NEW	47	MILLION YEARS AGO	Adele	1
RE	48	SEE YOU AGAIN	Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth	34
NEW	49	STRESSED OUT	twenty one pilots	1
RE	50	LOVE ME LIKE YOU DO	Ellie Goulding	34

billboard  EMERGING ARTISTS™			PRESENTED BY	 WKS. ON CHART
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	
5	1	 BOYS LIKE YOU Who Is Fancy Feat. Ariana Grande & Meghan Trainor		3
2	2	THIS IS AMERICA Justin Tranchita		4
7	3	CAKE BY THE OCEAN DNCE		7
3	4	LOST IN THE NIGHT Uzi		2
RE	5	HIGH Zella Day		3
1	6	ALL MY FRIENDS Snakehips Feat. Tinashe & Chance The Rapper		6
6	7	7 YEARS Lukas Graham		5
13	8	DON'T WORRY Madcon Feat. Ray Dalton		19
8	9	LA GOZADERA Gente de Zona Feat. Marc Anthony		19
12	10	ELECTRIC LOVE BORNS		18
17	11	BILLS LunchMoney Lewis		12
RE	12	GOODBYE Who Is Fancy		2
NEW	13	ALONE Selah Sue		1
11	14	ADORE Jasmine Thompson		24
NEW	15	FIRST MYTHZ Rustie		1
4	16	SAVE A PRAYER Eagles Of Death Metal		3
NEW	17	TRUSTFUL HANDS The DO		1
37	18	IT'S ALL IN VAIN Wet		3
22	19	DRAMA Roy Wood\$ Feat. Drake		20
21	20	2 HEADS Coleman Hell		15
14	21	WORKING FOR IT ZHU x Skrillex x THEY		6
RE	22	BANK ROLLS REMIX Tate Kobang		3
25	23	WISH YOU WERE MINE Philip George		42
28	24	HYPNOTIC Zella Day		22
NEW	25	FIGHT WELL\$		1
23	26	NUMBERS Daughter		3
RE	27	THE GREATEST FUTURISTIC		8
29	28	WALK Kwabs		63
35	29	KAMIKAZE MO		7
19	30	STAY A LITTLE LONGER Brothers Osborne		8
27	31	CHURCH BJ The Chicago Kid Feat. Chance The Rapper & Buddy		13
32	32	RIGHT NOW Uncle Murda & Future		12
31	33	WHIP IT! LunchMoney Lewis Feat. Chloe Angelides		12
26	34	NO MORE Pierce Fulton		3
43	35	LOVE FOR THAT MURA MASA Feat. Shura		4
46	36	OPEN SEASON Josef Salvat		17
44	37	SURRENDER Cash Cash		20
24	38	SOMETHING ABOUT YOU Hayden James		25
RE	39	ALL NIGHT Retchy P		3
49	40	MINE Phoebe Ryan		18
RE	41	BE THE ONE Dua Lipa		4
41	42	THE TROUBLE WITH US Marcus Marr & Chet Faker		5
47	43	WALKED IN Bankroll Fresh Feat. Boochie Boo & Travis Porter		6
38	44	STAND BY YOU Marlisa		6
RE	45	DNF P Reign Feat. Drake & Future		28
33	46	REWIND Kelela		11
RE	47	IMAGINATION Gorgon City Feat. Katy Menditta		4
RE	48	BREATHE LIFE Jack Garratt		2
RE	49	MIND RIGHT TK N Cash		21
40	50	MY LOVE Majid Jordan Feat. Drake		21



Lamar, Cole Return To Social 50

Kendrick Lamar (above) and J. Cole both re-enter the Social 50, at Nos. 42 and 46, respectively, after they each released a surprise track on Nov. 27.

The two rappers simultaneously released the tracks; mirrored one another’s tweets, with Lamar writing, “Black Friday. Gift from @JColeNC” with a SoundCloud link; and retweeted each other’s posts.

The rappers also traded beats, with Lamar rapping over Cole’s “A Tale of 2 Citiez,” from 2014 *Forest Hills Drive*, and Cole adding verses to “Alright” from Lamar’s latest, *To Pimp a Butterfly*.

Lamar earned 64,000 Twitter likes and retweets (a 9,078 percent increase) and 98,000 mentions (a 276 percent increase) on the platform in the week ending Nov. 29 and also gained 23,000 followers, according to Next Big Sound.

Cole sported a gain on Twitter as well, collecting 114,000 mentions (a 778 percent increase) and 53,000 reactions (a 1,266 percent increase) and adding 26,000 followers.

The tracks could precede a rumored collaborative album between the two. In Cole’s “Black Friday” he raps, “When you and K. Dot shit dropping? ... But this February, bet shit get scary when I f— around and drop.” Fueling speculation, Lamar’s sister Kayla Duckworth wrote in a Facebook post about a “collab drop Feb. 16,” but the note was later removed.

—Emily White



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SOCIAL 50™			
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/LABEL	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 124 WKS JUSTIN BIEBER SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	262
2	2	ONE DIRECTION SYCO/COLUMBIA	211
9	3	ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	179
4	4	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC	158
17	5	NICKI MINAJ YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	261
7	6	SELENA GOMEZ INTERSCOPE/IGA	260
8	7	DEMI LOVATO SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD	252
6	8	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER HI OR HEV/CAPITOL	88
15	9	CHRIS BROWN RCA	235
3	10	SHAWN MENDES ISLAND	49
12	11	DRAKE YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	237
5	12	MILEY CYRUS RCA	190
13	13	KATY PERRY CAPITOL	262
29	14	JENNIFER LOPEZ CAPITOL	248
16	15	RIHANNA WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	251
10	16	TAYLOR SWIFT BIG MACHINE/BMLG	262
20	17	FIFTH HARMONY SYCO/EPIC	29
35	18	THE VAMPS ISLAND	36
11	19	WIZ KHALIFA TAYLOR GANG/ATLANTIC/AG	249
18	20	THE WEEKND XO/REPUBLIC	28
23	21	LADY GAGA STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	260
27	22	ED SHEERAN ATLANTIC/AG	100
25	23	LITTLE MIX SYCO/COLUMBIA	73
21	24	BEYONCE PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	259
14	25	ZENDAYA HOLLYWOOD	68
19	26	SAM SMITH CAPITOL	67
RE	27	JACOB WHITESIDES DOUBLE U/BMG	20
22	28	AUSTIN MAHONE CHASE/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	124
32	29	VIXX JELLYFISH ENTERTAINMENT	8
RE	30	BEA MILLER SYCO/HOLLYWOOD	16
40	31	BECKY G KEMOSABE/RCA	56
43	32	LUCY HALE DMG NASHVILLE	74
26	33	ELLIE GOULDING CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	116
42	34	COLDPLAY PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG	149
44	35	SKRILLEX BIG BEAT/OWSLA/ATLANTIC/AG	161
37	36	MEGHAN TRAINOR EPIC	37
36	37	BRITNEY SPEARS RCA	221
RE	38	DADDY YANKEE EL CARTEL/CAPITOL LATIN/UIMLE	38
33	39	MELANIE MARTINEZ ATLANTIC/AG	2
28	40	TROYE SIVAN CAPITOL	27
46	41	SNOOP DOGG DOGGYSTYLE/COLUMBIA	227
RE	42	KENDRICK LAMAR TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	8
50	43	MARTIN GARRIX SCHOOLBOY/SPINNIN'/SILENT/CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	80
49	44	SHAKIRA SONY MUSIC LATIN/RCA	258
47	45	PENTATONIX RCA	22
RE	46	J. COLE DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	3
RE	47	CLAUDIA LEITTE SOM LIVRE	27
RE	48	JESSIE J LAVA/REPUBLIC	65
RE	49	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE RCA	227
RE	50	50 CENT G UNIT	140

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MAINSTREAM TOP 40™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 2 WKS HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	6
3	2	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	11
2	3	STITCHES ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes	26
6	4	SAME OLD LOVE INTERSCOPE	Selena Gomez	11
4	5	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	14
5	6	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Ellie Goulding	11
11	7	GG SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	6
8	8	HERE IBGM/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	18
7	9	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	14
12	10	LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE YOU EPIC	Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	13
9	11	THE HILLS XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	16
10	12	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	14
13	13	FOCUS REPUBLIC	Ariana Grande	5
14	14	CONFIDENT SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	Demi Lovato	8
22	15	IN THE NIGHT XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	3
20	16	PERFECT SYCO/COLUMBIA	One Direction	6
16	17	LOCKED AWAY KEMOSABE/RCA	R. City Feat. Adam Levine	19
21	18	HIDE AWAY ARTBEATZ	Daya	13
19	19	679 RGF/300	Fetty Wap Feat. Remy Boyz	9
17	20	LAY IT ALL ON ME MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran	9
15	21	RENEGADES KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	14
18	22	DRAG ME DOWN SYCO/COLUMBIA	One Direction	18
24	23	ROSES DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers Feat. ROZES	7
26	24	USED TO LOVE YOU MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	Gwen Stefani	5
23	25	HEY EVERYBODY! HI OR HEV/CAPITOL	5 Seconds Of Summer	7

ADULT CONTEMPORARY™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 2 WKS HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	6
2	2	SHUT UP AND DANCE WALK THE MOON RCA		37
3	3	FIGHT SONG COLUMBIA	Rachel Platten	33
5	4	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	13
6	5	LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE YOU EPIC	Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	19
4	6	PHOTOGRAPH ATLANTIC	Ed Sheeran	27
7	7	HONEY, I'M GOOD. S-CURVE/HOLLYWOOD	Andy Grammer	34
10	8	STYLE BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	42
9	9	THINKING OUT LOUD ATLANTIC	Ed Sheeran	48
8	10	SUGAR 222/INTERSCOPE	Maroon 5	43
13	11	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	11
18	12	THIS CHRISTMAS WARNER BROS.	Seal	2
12	13	RENEGADES KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	14
11	14	LOCKED AWAY KEMOSABE/RCA	R. City Feat. Adam Levine	12
24	15	GG HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS SUNKEN FOREST/CRUSH MUSIC	Train	2
14	16	CAN'T FEEL MY FACE XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	20
21	17	MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY SUNKEN FOREST/CRUSH MUSIC	Train	2
17	18	STITCHES ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes	6
20	19	CELEBRATE ME HOME PRODIGY/KOBALT	LeAnn Rimes Feat. Gavin DeGraw	2
25	20	LET IT SNOW SOULBIRD/MOTOWN/CAPITOL	India.arie & Joe Sample	2
16	21	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	5
NEW	22	THIS CHRISTMAS DIGITALLY SOUND RECORDS	Matthew And Gunmar Nelson Feat. Alyssa Bonagura	1
NEW	23	SNOWTIME CONCORD/CMG	James Taylor	1
NEW	24	JOY TO THE WORLD RCA	Pentatonix	1
19	25	STAND BY YOU COLUMBIA	Rachel Platten	6

RHYTHMIC™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 8 WKS HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	14
3	2	HERE EP/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	16
2	3	679 RGF/300	Fetty Wap Feat. Remy Boyz	17
4	4	WHITE IVERSON REPUBLIC	Post Malone	14
5	5	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	13
6	6	THE HILLS XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	19
7	7	THE FIX RECORDS	Nelly Feat. Jeremih	15
9	8	BACK UP IBGM/COLUMBIA	DeJ Loaf Feat. Big Sean	15
10	9	SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	5
8	10	ZERO RCA	Chris Brown	9
13	11	ANTIDOTE GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	Travi\$ Scott	8
12	12	PLAYER RCA	Tinashe Feat. Chris Brown	7
11	13	FOCUS REPUBLIC	Ariana Grande	4
14	14	NO ROLE MODELZ DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	J. Cole	13
16	15	GET HOME GLOBAL TALENT	JR Castro Feat. Kid Ink & Migos	9
15	16	PLAY NO GAMES G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	Big Sean Feat. Chris Brown & Ty Dolla \$ign	10
19	17	HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	4
20	18	JUMPMAN A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	Drake & Future	3
24	19	GG IN THE NIGHT XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	2
21	20	SAME OLD LOVE INTERSCOPE	Selena Gomez	5
25	21	SAY IT MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	Tory Lanez	4
17	22	HIT THE QUAN PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS	iLoveMemphis	9
18	23	WHERE YA AT A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	Future Feat. Drake	14
26	24	DESSERT CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	Dawin	6
29	25	AGAIN RGF/300	Fetty Wap	8

ADULT TOP 40™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 2 WKS HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	6
2	2	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	24
3	3	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	14
4	4	LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE YOU EPIC	Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	22
5	5	STITCHES ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes	13
6	6	RENEGADES KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	22
9	7	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Ellie Goulding	9
7	8	LOCKED AWAY KEMOSABE/RCA	R. City Feat. Adam Levine	18
8	9	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	12
11	10	SOMEONE NEW RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	Hozier	26
13	11	STAND BY YOU COLUMBIA	Rachel Platten	11
12	12	LAY IT ALL ON ME MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran	9
15	13	GG ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Coldplay	4
14	14	CAN'T FEEL MY FACE XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	24
16	15	GOOD TO BE ALIVE (HALLELUJAH) S-CURVE/HOLLYWOOD	Andy Grammer	11
18	16	HOLD MY HAND ATLANTIC	Jess Glynne	12
19	17	USED TO LOVE YOU MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	Gwen Stefani	5
17	18	DRAG ME DOWN SYCO/COLUMBIA	One Direction	15
20	19	LET IT GO REPUBLIC	James Bay	8
22	20	CONFIDENT SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	Demi Lovato	6
24	21	HERE EP/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	5
21	22	HOLD ON FOREVER EMBLEM/ATLANTIC	Rob Thomas	10
26	23	IRRESISTIBLE DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Fall Out Boy	5
29	24	SAME OLD LOVE INTERSCOPE	Selena Gomez	4
23	25	HOLD EACH OTHER BLACK MAGNETIC/EPIC	A Great Big World Feat. FUTURISTIC	18

SOCIAL 50: The week's most active artists on social networking sites based on weekly additions of fans across Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram; reactions and conversations across Twitter, YouTube and Instagram; and views to an artist's Wikipedia page, as measured by Next Big Sound.

NEW: Artists who are new to the chart are marked with a star. Artists who are returning to the chart after a week or more off the chart are marked with a star. Artists who are returning to the chart after a week or more off the chart are marked with a star. Artists who are returning to the chart after a week or more off the chart are marked with a star.

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THE RECORDING ACADEMY®

HOT COUNTRY SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS. WKS. ON CHART
2	1	1	#1 3 WKS DIE A HAPPY MAN	D.HUFF,J.FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT,S.DOUGLAS,JOE LONDON)	Thomas Rhett VALORY	1 10
3	3	2	SG BREAK UP IN A SMALL TOWN	Z.CROWELL,S.MCANALLY (S.HUNT,Z.CROWELL,S.MCANALLY)	Sam Hunt MCA NASHVILLE	2 33
4	2	3	I'M COMIN' OVER	C.CROWDER,C.YOUNG (C.YOUNG,C.CROWDER,J.HOGE)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	2 29
6	5	4	BURNING HOUSE	J.BHASKER,T.JOHNSON (C.OCHS,T.JOHNSON,J.BHASKER)	Cam ARISTA NASHVILLE	4 25
11	6	5	NOTHIN' LIKE YOU	C.DESTEFANO (D.SMYERS,S.MOONEY,A.GORLEY,C.DESTEFANO)	Dan + Shay WARNER BROS./WAR	5 35
5	4	6	SMOKE BREAK	J.JOYCE (C.UNDERWOOD,C.DESTEFANO,H.LINDESEY)	Carrie Underwood 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	4 15
9	7	7	GONNA	S.HENDRICKS (L.LAIRO,D.C.WISEMAN)	Blake Shelton WARNER BROS./WMN	7 18
7	10	8	STRIP IT DOWN	J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (L.BRYAN,J.M.NITE,R.COPPERMAN)	Luke Bryan CAPITOL NASHVILLE	1 19
13	11	9	GONNA KNOW WE WERE HERE	M.KNOX (B.BEAVERS,BRETT JAMES)	Jason Aldean BROKEN BOW	9 18
12	12	10	STAY A LITTLE LONGER	J.JOYCE (J.OSBORNE,T.J.OSBORNE,S.MCANALLY)	Brothers Osborne EMI NASHVILLE	10 34
1	9	11	TENNESSEE WHISKEY	D.COBBS,C.STAPLETON (D.DILLON,LINDA HARGROVE)	Chris Stapleton MERCURY	1 5
14	13	12	I GOT THE BOY	S.HENDRICKS (T.NICHOLS,C.HARRINGTON,J.L.SPEARS)	Jana Kramer ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	12 41
15	14	13	TOP OF THE WORLD	B.GALLIMORE,T.MCGRAW (J.ROBBINS,J.M.NITE,J.OSBORNE)	Tim McGraw MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE	13 17
18	15	14	I LOVE THIS LIFE	L.RIMES,P.BRUST,C.LUCAS (D.MYRICK,C.JANSON,C.LUCAS,P.BRUST)	LoCash REVIVER	14 28
20	17	15	DIBS	F.G.WHITEHEAD,J.MASSEY (K.BALLERINI,J.KERR,R.GRIFFIN,J.DUKE)	Kelsea Ballerini BLACK RIVER	15 16
43	26	16	DG AG HOME ALONE TONIGHT	L.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (J.STEVENS,C.TAYLOR,J.DREYER,T.CECIL)	Luke Bryan Featuring Karen Fairchild CAPITOL NASHVILLE	16 6
26	18	17	RUN AWAY WITH YOU	J.RICH,B.KENNY (J.D.RICH,MICHAEL RAY)	Big & Rich BSR/NEW REVOLUTION	17 16
16	16	18	SAVE IT FOR A RAINY DAY	B.CANNON,K.CHESNEY (A.DORFF,M.RAMSEY,B.TURSI)	Kenny Chesney BLUE CHAIR/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	4 23
24	21	19	ALREADY CALLIN' YOU MINE	NV (M.THOMAS,S.THOMAS,B.KNOX,P.O'DONNELL,W.KIRBY)	Parmalee STONEY CREEK	19 34
22	20	20	BEAUTIFUL DRUG	Z.BROWN (Z.BROWN,N.MOON)	Zac Brown Band JOHN VARVATOS/REPUBLIC/BMLG/SOUTHERN GROUND	20 11
19	19	21	JOHN COUGAR, JOHN DEERE, JOHN 3:16	D.HUFF,K.URBAN (S.MCANALLY,R.COPPERMAN,J.OSBORNE)	Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	2 26
25	22	22	WE WENT	D.GEORGE (J.WILSON,M.ROGERS,J.KING)	Randy Houser STONEY CREEK	22 26
27	23	23	COUNTRY NATION	L.WOOTEN,B.PAISLEY (B.PAISLEY,C.DUBOIS,K.LOVELACE)	Brad Paisley ARISTA NASHVILLE	23 13
29	25	24	BACKROAD SONG	F.ROGERS,G.SMITH (G.SMITH,F.ROGERS)	Granger Smith WHEELHOUSE	24 10
23	24	25	MR. MISUNDERSTOOD	J.JOYCE (E.CHURCH,C.BEATHARD)	Eric Church EMI NASHVILLE	23 4
32	28	26	BREAK ON ME.	N.CHAPMAN,K.URBAN (J.M.NITE,R.COPPERMAN)	Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	24 5
30	29	27	THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE YOU	J.STONE,L.BRICE (L.BRICE,R.AKINS,A.GORLEY)	Lee Brice CURB	25 22
38	30	28	NOBODY TO BLAME	D.COBBS,C.STAPLETON (C.STAPLETON,B.BALES,R.BOWMAN)	Chris Stapleton MERCURY	28 4
39	31	29	I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT	J.DEMARCUS,RASCAL FLATTS (M.TRAINOR,J.FRASURE,S.MOONEY)	Rascal Flatts BIG MACHINE	29 10
37	32	30	LITTLE BIT OF YOU	D.GEORGE,C.BRYANT (C.BRYANT,D.GEORGE,A.GORLEY)	Chase Bryant RED BOW	30 14
36	33	31	(THIS AIN'T NO) DRUNK DIAL	D.COBBS (M.HOBBY,C.CROWDER,N.MASON,C.DODDS)	A Thousand Horses REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	31 14
40	35	32	CONFESSION	J.MOI (R.CRAWSON,R.COPPERMAN,M.JENKINS)	Florida Georgia Line REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	32 4
HOT SHOT DEBUT		33	WHY NOT ME	B.APPLEBERRY (H.HOWARD,B.MAHER,J.S.THROCKMORTON)	Emily Ann Roberts REPUBLIC	33 1
17	34	34	TRAVELLER	D.COBBS,C.STAPLETON (C.STAPLETON)	Chris Stapleton MERCURY	17 4
RE-ENTRY		35	HEARTBEAT	Z.CROWELL (C.UNDERWOOD,Z.CROWELL,A.GORLEY)	Carrie Underwood 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	26 5
-	41	36	DRUNK ON YOUR LOVE	R.COPPERMAN,B.ELDRIDGE (B.ELDRIDGE,R.COPPERMAN)	Brett Eldredge ATLANTIC/WMN	36 2
48	38	37	HEAD OVER BOOTS	B.BUTLER,J.PARDI (J.PARDI,L.LAIRO)	Jon Pardi CAPITOL NASHVILLE	37 7
-	40	38	NIGHT'S ON FIRE	C.AINLAY,F.LIDDELL,G.WORF (J.SINGLETON,D.RUTTAN)	David Nail MCA NASHVILLE	38 10
-	44	39	BETTER IN BOOTS	J.KING,J.CATINO (J.WILSON,D.PITTENGER,N.COOKE)	Tyler Farr COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	39 2
47	39	40	COLD BEER CONVERSATION	C.AINLAY,G.STRAIT (A.ANDERSON,B.HAYSLIP,J.EARLY)	George Strait MCA NASHVILLE	36 9
21	27	41	WHEN I'M GONE	G.PACZOSA (S.E.LAWRENCE)	Joey + Rory VANGUARD/SUGAR HILL/CMG	21 3
-	42	42	STONE COLD SOBER	D.HUFF (B.GILBERT,BRETT JAMES,D.LAYUS)	Brantley Gilbert VALORY	42 2
-	46	43	CRAZY OVER ME	M.ALDERMAN,J.E.NORMAN (D.SCOTT,M.ALDERMAN)	Dylan Scott CURB	36 4
-	45	44	REAL MEN LOVE JESUS	S.HENDRICKS (B.WARREN,B.WARREN,L.MILLER,A.SANDERS)	Michael Ray ATLANTIC/WEA	44 5
-	47	45	MIND READER	M.J.CONES (R.AKINS,B.HAYSLIP)	Dustin Lynch BROKEN BOW	43 3
NEW		46	ARE YOU GONNA KISS ME OR NOT	B.APPLEBERRY (J.A.COLLINS,D.L.MURPHY)	Zach Seabaugh REPUBLIC	46 1
NEW		47	DELTA DAWN	B.APPLEBERRY (A.HARVEY,L.COLLINS)	Barrett Baber REPUBLIC	47 1
42	37	48	USED TO LOVE YOU SOBER	M.MCVANEY (K.BROWN,M.MCVANEY,J.HOGE)	Kane Brown ZONE 4	15 6
-	50	49	SNAPBACK	S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,T.ROSEN,B.TURSI)	Old Dominion RCA NASHVILLE	49 2
-	48	50	YUP	C.CHAMBERLAIN (S.MINOR,P.O'DONNELL,W.KIRBY)	Easton Corbin MERCURY	45 7

TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
2	1	#1 3 WKS CHRIS STAPLETON	MERCURY/UMGN	Traveller	30
4	2	GG CARRIE UNDERWOOD	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	Storyteller	5
3	3	ERIC CHURCH	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	Mr. Misunderstood	4
1	4	CHRIS YOUNG	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	I'm Comin' Over	2
8	5	SAM HUNT	MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Montevallo	57
9	6	BLAKE SHELTON	WARNER BROS./WMN	Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	5
6	7	LUKE BRYAN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Kill The Lights	16
7	8	THOMAS RHETT	VALORY/BMLG	Tangled Up	9
5	9	TIM MCGRAW	MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG	Damn Country Music	3
36	10	PS ZAC BROWN BAND	ROAR/SOUTHERN GROUND/ATLANTIC/AG	Greatest Hits So Far...	55
10	11	DON HENLEY	PAST MASTERS HOLDINGS/CAPITOL	Cass County	9
15	12	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/UME		3
14	13	LITTLE BIG TOWN	CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	Pain Killer	58
12	14	GEORGE STRAIT	MCA NASHVILLE/UMGN	Cold Beer Conversation	9
17	15	ZAC BROWN BAND	JOHN VARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	JEKYLL + HYDE	31
11	16	OLD DOMINION	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	Meat And Candy	3
18	17	ELVIS PRESLEY	ELVIS: ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS RCA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP		3
13	18	CHRIS JANSON	WARNER BROS./WMN	Buy Me A Boat	4
19	19	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG	Anything Goes	59
21	20	JASON ALDEAN	BROKEN BOW/BBMG	Old Boots, New Dirt	60
31	21	MADDIE & TAE	DOT/REPUBLIC/BMLG	Start Here	13
22	22	KENNY ROGERS	WARNER BROS./WMN	Once Again It's Christmas	3
38	23	LEANN RIMES	PRODIGY/KOBALT	Today Is Christmas	5
25	24	ALABAMA	TGA/BMG	Southern Drawl	10
28	25	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	Greatest Hits: Decade #1	51

COUNTRY AIRPLAY™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 3 WKS I'M COMIN' OVER RCA NASHVILLE	Chris Young	27
3	2	GONNA WARNER BROS./WMN	Blake Shelton	19
4	3	NOTHIN' LIKE YOU WARNER BROS./WAR	Dan + Shay	41
5	4	GONNA KNOW WE WERE HERE BROKEN BOW	Jason Aldean	18
2	5	SMOKE BREAK 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	Carrie Underwood	15
7	6	TOP OF THE WORLD MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE	Tim McGraw	17
8	7	BURNING HOUSE ARISTA NASHVILLE	Cam	23
9	8	STAY A LITTLE LONGER EMI NASHVILLE	Brothers Osborne	35
10	9	DIE A HAPPY MAN VALORY	Thomas Rhett	10
11	10	I LOVE THIS LIFE REVIVER	LoCash	40
14	11	RUN AWAY WITH YOU BSR/NEW REVOLUTION	Big & Rich	46
13	12	I GOT THE BOY ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	Jana Kramer	40
12	13	ALREADY CALLIN' YOU MINE STONEY CREEK	Parmalee	43
15	14	BREAK UP IN A SMALL TOWN MCA NASHVILLE	Sam Hunt	13
16	15	DIBS BLACK RIVER	Kelsea Ballerini	22
17	16	BACKROAD SONG WHEELHOUSE	Granger Smith	21
18	17	COUNTRY NATION ARISTA NASHVILLE	Brad Paisley	13
19	18	WE WENT STONEY CREEK	Randy Houser	26
21	19	HOME ALONE TONIGHT CAPITOL NASHVILLE	Luke Bryan Feat. Karen Fairchild	5
20	20	BEAUTIFUL DRUG JOHN VARVATOS/REPUBLIC/BMLG/SOUTHERN GROUND	Zac Brown Band	12
22	21	BREAK ON ME. HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	Keith Urban	6
25	22	MR. MISUNDERSTOOD EMI NASHVILLE	Eric Church	4
23	23	LITTLE BIT OF YOU RED BOW	Chase Bryant	33
24	24	(THIS AIN'T NO) DRUNK DIAL REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	A Thousand Horses	22
26	25	I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT BIG MACHINE	Rascal Flatts	11



High 'Life'

LoCash (above) achieves its first Country Airplay top 10 as "I Love This Life" rises 11-10 (30 million in audience, up 10 percent, according to Nielsen Music) in its 40th week. "Love" marks the sixth appearance on the survey for the duo originally known as **LoCash Cowboys** (which previously peaked as high as No. 34). "In these troubled times, the guys wrote a song of happiness and hope that resonates with our audience," says Reviver Records vp promotion **Gator Michaels**. "This song reacted from the first spin and continues to research incredibly well with minimal burn. Radio has been fantastic in its willingness to trust the fans."

Chris Young's "I'm Comin' Over" tops Country Airplay for a third week (51 million audience impressions). Co-written by Young, the single matches the longest reign of his six leaders: "The Man I Want to Be" ruled for three weeks in 2010.

Meanwhile, three finalists on NBC's *The Voice* bow on multiple country charts. **Emily Ann Roberts'** version of **The Judds'** "Why Not Me" starts at No. 6 on Country Digital Songs (21,000 downloads sold) and No. 33 on Hot Country Songs, **Zach Seabaugh's** take on **Thompson Square's** "Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not" opens at No. 19 (9,000) and No. 46 on the respective lists, and **Barrett Baber's** cover of "Delta Dawn," **Tanya Tucker's** first Hot Country Songs hit (No. 6 in 1972), enters the sales tally at No. 20 (9,000) and Hot Country Songs at No. 47.

—Jim Asker

HOT COUNTRY SONGS: The week's most popular current country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music. Songs are defined as current if they are newly-released titles, or songs receiving widespread airplay and/or sales activity for the first time. TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS: The week's most popular country albums, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. Albums are defined as current if they are less than 18 months old or older than 18 months but still residing in the Billboard 200's top 100. COUNTRY AIRPLAY: The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music. Stations are electronically monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. See Chart Legend on billboard.com/hot for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, Inc. All rights reserved.

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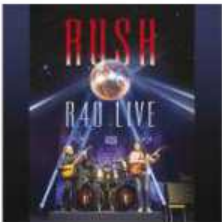


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HOT ROCK SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	1	#1 7 WKS EX'S & OH'S D.BASSETT (ELLE KING,D.BASSETT)	Elle King RCA	1	38
2	2	2	RENEGADES ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUH,C.HARRIS,A.LEVIN)	X Ambassadors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	1	36
3	3	3	SHUT UP AND DANCE T.PAGNOTTA (N.PETRICCA,E.MAIMAN,K.RAY,S.WAUGAMAN,B.BERGER,R.MCMANOH)	WALK THE MOON RCA	1	64
4	5	4	DG ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME STAR-GATE,R.SIMPSON (G.B.BERRYMAN,J.M.BUCKLAND,W.CHAMPION,C.A.J.MARTIN)	Coldplay PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	4	4
5	4	5	AG STRESSED OUT M.ELIZONDO (T.JOSEPH)	twenty one pilots FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	4	31
6	6	6	UMA THURMAN J.SINCLAIR,YOUNG WOLF HATCHINGS (FALL OUT BOY,W.HASHMILYOUNG,L.OTDONNELL,J.SINCLAIR,J.MARSHALL,R.MOSHER)	Fall Out Boy DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	2	46
12	9	7	IRRESISTIBLE B.WALKER,J.SINCLAIR (FALL OUT BOY)	Fall Out Boy DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	6	27
7	8	8	SOMEONE NEW A.HOZIER-BYRNE,R.KIRWAN (A.HOZIER-BYRNE,S.M.GARNETT)	Hozier RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	7	41
8	10	9	S.O.B. R.SWIFT (N.RATELIFF)	Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats STAX/CMG	8	17
9	11	10	FIRST D.GALLUCCI,L.STALFORS (N.WILLET,M.MAUST,D.GALLUCCI,J.PLUMMER,M.SCHWARTZ)	Cold War Kids DOWNTOWN	8	30
10	7	11	LET IT GO J.KING (J.BAY,P.BARRY)	James Bay REPUBLIC	7	24
-	17	12	SG SOUND & COLOR B.MILLS,ALABAMA SHAKES (ALABAMA SHAKES)	Alabama Shakes ATO	12	2
11	12	13	EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES J.SINCLAIR (B.LURIE,J.SINCLAIR,L.PRITCHARD,S.HOLLANDER,D.WILSON)	Panic! At The Disco DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	5	6
13	13	14	2 HEADS C.HELL (C.HELL,R.BENVENU)	Coleman Hell COLUMBIA	12	23
16	14	15	VICTORIOUS J.SINCLAIR (B.LURIE,C.J.BARAN,M.A.VIOLA,M.KIBBY,J.SINCLAIR,A.DELEON,R.CUOMO)	Panic! At The Disco DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	7	9
15	15	16	THRONE O.SYKES,J.FISH (O.SYKES,M.S.NICHOLLS,L.D.MALIA,J.FISH)	Bring Me The Horizon COLUMBIA	12	18
19	16	17	FIRE AND THE FLOOD STAR-GATE,BENNY BLANCO,R.HADLOCK (VANCE JOY,E.HERMENSEN,M.S.ERIKSEN,B.LEVIN)	Vance Joy F-STOP/ATLANTIC	16	9
17	18	18	CUT THE CORD E.BASS (B.SMITH,E.BASS)	Shinedown ATLANTIC	10	22
14	20	19	ROOTS ALEX DA KID (IMAGINE DRAGONS,A.GRANT)	Imagine Dragons KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	5	14
25	23	20	MESS AROUND D.AUERBACH (CAGE THE ELEPHANT)	Cage The Elephant DSP/RCA	20	4
20	19	21	UNSTEADY ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUH,C.HARRIS,A.LEVIN)	X Ambassadors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	19	8
24	22	22	THE GHOSTS OF BEVERLY DRIVE R.COSTEY (B.GIBBARD)	Death Cab For Cutie BARSUK/ATLANTIC	22	13
27	29	23	BLAME IT ON ME BLACKWOOD C. (GEORGE EZRA,J.POTT)	George Ezra COLUMBIA	23	21
18	21	24	NEARLY FORGOT MY BROKEN HEART B.O'BRIEN (C.CORNELL)	Chris Cornell UME	18	10
HOT SHOT DEBUT		25	TROUBLE D.AUERBACH (CAGE THE ELEPHANT,D.AUERBACH)	Cage The Elephant DSP/RCA	25	1
38	28	26	THE LIGHT K.CHURKO (DISTURBED)	Disturbed REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	26	5
NEW		27	INSIDE YOURSELF NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Godsmack REPUBLIC	27	1
26	25	28	WASH IT ALL AWAY K.CHURKO,FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH (J.MOODY,Z.BATHORY,J.HOOK,J.S.HEYDE,K.CHURKO)	Five Finger Death Punch PROSPECT PARK	25	4
36	30	29	MERCY R.J.LANGE,MUSE (M.BELLAMY)	Muse HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	29	17
22	27	30	R.I.P. 2 MY YOUTH J.PLBROW,BENNY BLANCO (J.J.RUTHERFORD,Z.ABELS,M.MARGOTT,J.FREEMAN,J.PLBROW,B.LEVIN)	The Neighbourhood [R]EVOLVE/COLUMBIA	13	14
29	31	31	GRAVITY K.CHURKO (J.SHADDIX,T.ESPERANCE,J.HORTON,K.CHURKO,M.BRINK)	Papa Roach ELEVEN SEVEN	28	19
44	35	32	NIGHTLIGHT JACKNIFE LEE (SILVERGUN PICKUPS,G.LEE)	Silversun Pickups NEW MACHINE/Q PRIME	32	5
37	37	33	POLARIZE M.ELIZONDO (T.JOSEPH)	twenty one pilots FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	33	18
28	26	34	THANK GOD FOR GIRLS J.SINCLAIR (R.CUOMO,A.GOOSE,C.M.BALZER,B.BALZER,B.PETTI)	Weezer WEEZER/CRUSH MUSIC	13	5
43	36	35	MOUNTAIN AT MY GATES J.FORD (FOALS)	Foals TRANSGRESSIVE/WARNER BROS.	35	7
NEW		36	BLACKSTAR D.BOWIE,T.VISCONTI (D.BOWIE)	David Bowie ISO/COLUMBIA	36	1
31	33	37	LEAVE A TRACE CHVRCHES (L.COOK,M.DOHERTY,L.MAYBERRY)	CHVRCHES GOODYBE/GLASSNOTE	17	16
40	39	38	DIFFERENT COLORS T.PAGNOTTA (N.PETRICCA,K.RAY,S.WAUGAMAN,E.MAIMAN)	WALK THE MOON RCA	26	19
35	38	39	LOVE ME M.CROSSEY,G.DANIEL,M.HEALY (G.DANIEL,M.HEALY,A.HANN,R.S.MACDONALD)	The 1975 DIRTY HIT/INTERSCOPE	7	7
-	44	40	STATE OF MY HEAD P.NAPPI (B.SMITH,C.COLASSACCO,P.NAPPI,E.THOMPSON,J.DE ZUZIO)	Shinedown ATLANTIC	40	2
NEW		41	WAY DOWN WE GO KALEO,M.CROSSEY (J.JULIUSSON)	Kaleo ELEKTRA/ATLANTIC	41	1
NEW		42	TRIP SWITCH J.EMERY (J.LLANGRIDGE-BROWN,D.CRAIK,C.MASON,J.EMERY,J.IRVIN)	Nothing But Thieves RCA	42	1
47	42	43	MESSAGE MAN T.ANDERSON (T.JOSEPH)	twenty one pilots FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	42	5
-	40	44	I AM THE FIRE J.JOYCE (L.HALE,J.HOTTINGER,S.STEVENS)	Halestorm ATLANTIC	40	2
42	45	45	TRUE FRIENDS O.SYKES,J.FISH (O.SYKES,M.S.NICHOLLS,M.KEAN,L.D.MALIA,J.FISH)	Bring Me The Horizon COLUMBIA	22	6
-	41	46	MOLECULES J.FORD (K.W.H.JEFFERY,M.D.JEFFERY,F.THAEE)	Atlas Genius WARNER BROS.	41	4
34	43	47	CRY BABY J.PLBROW,AE (J.J.RUTHERFORD,Z.ABELS,M.MARGOTT,J.FREEMAN,J.PLBROW,B.FRIED)	The Neighbourhood [R]EVOLVE/COLUMBIA	25	4
23	34	48	FLESH WITHOUT BLOOD GRIMES (C.BOUCHER)	Grimes 4AD/BEGGARS GROUP	23	5
-	49	49	I'M SO SORRY IMAGINE DRAGONS (IMAGINE DRAGONS)	Imagine Dragons KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	14	14
NEW		50	FALLEN ANGEL G.BROWN (THREE DAYS GRACE,G.BROWN,C.G.MILLER,J.K.MOLT,BRUNER)	Three Days Grace RCA	50	1

TOP ROCK ALBUMS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
HOT SHOT DEBUT	1	#1 RUSH ANTHEM/ZOE/ROUNDER/CONCORD	R40 Live	1
1	2	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA LAVA/REPUBLIC	Letters From The Labyrinth	2
NEW	3	GRATEFUL DEAD Fare Thee Well: Chicago, IL, Soldier Field, July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2015 GRATEFUL DEAD/RHINO		1
5	4	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	Blurryface	28
14	5	GG ELLE KING RCA	Love Stuff	36
2	6	JEFF LYNNE'S ELO BIG TRILBY/COLUMBIA	Alone In The Universe	2
32	7	PS MUSE HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	Drones	20
7	8	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH PROSPECT PARK	Got Your Six	12
16	9	ALABAMA SHAKES ATO	Sound & Color	30
9	10	NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS STAX/CONCORD	Nathaniel Rateliff...	14
18	11	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	Hozier	60
22	12	FALL OUT BOY DCD2/ISLAND	American Beauty / American Psycho	45
NEW	13	ROGER WATERS COLUMBIA/LEGACY	Roger Waters The Wall (Soundtrack)	1
NEW	14	GRATEFUL DEAD The Best Of Fare Thee Well Chicago-IL, Soldier Field, July 3rd-4th-5th-2015 GRATEFUL DEAD/RHINO		1
45	15	THIRD DAY ESSENTIAL/PLG	Lead Us Back: Songs Of Worship	33
NEW	16	TRACY CHAPMAN ELEKTRA/RHINO	Greatest Hits	1
15	17	SHINEDOWN ATLANTIC/AG	Threat To Survival	10
17	18	SOUNDTRACK MARVEL/HOLLYWOOD	Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1	70
10	19	DEF LEPPARD BLUDGEON RIFFOLA/MAILBOAT	Def Leppard	4
NEW	20	BLUE OCTOBER UP DOWN/BRANDO	Things We Do At Night (Live From Texas)	1
21	21	ELVIS PRESLEY RCA/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP	Elvis: Ultimate Christmas	3
20	22	DISTURBED REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Immortalized	14
23	23	MUMFORD & SONS GENTLEMEN OF THE ROAD/GLASSNOTE	Wilder Mind	30
24	24	BREAKING BENJAMIN HOLLYWOOD	Dark Before Dawn	23
37	25	KUTLESS BEC	Surrender	2

ROCK AIRPLAY™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
2	1	<div><div>#1 1 WK</div><div>STRESSED OUT FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP</div></div> twenty one pilots		16
1	2	FIRST DOWNTOWN	Cold War Kids	35
5	3	S.O.B. STAX/CMG	Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	15
3	4	RENEGADES KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	32
4	5	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	30
6	6	THE GHOSTS OF BEVERLY DRIVE BARSUK/ATLANTIC	Death Cab For Cutie	21
7	7	MESS AROUND DSP/RCA	Cage The Elephant	5
8	8	NEARLY FORGOT MY BROKEN HEART UME	Chris Cornell	15
10	9	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	Coldplay	4
9	10	2 HEADS COLUMBIA	Coleman Hell	25
11	11	FIRE AND THE FLOOD F-STOP/ATLANTIC	Vance Joy	16
13	12	MERCY HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	Muse	17
14	13	NIGHTLIGHT NEW MACHINE/Q PRIME	Silversun Pickups	16
15	14	THRONE COLUMBIA	Bring Me The Horizon	14
16	15	ANGELS FALL HOLLYWOOD	Breaking Benjamin	19
18	16	THE LIGHT REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	Disturbed	9
17	17	ROOTS KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	Imagine Dragons	10
22	18	TRIP SWITCH RCA	Nothing But Thieves	4
20	19	MOUNTAIN AT MY GATES TRANSGRESSIVE/WARNER BROS.	Foals	18
19	20	THANK GOD FOR GIRLS WEEZER/CRUSH MUSIC	Weezer	5
26	21	UNSTEADY KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	X Ambassadors	6
25	22	WASH IT ALL AWAY PROSPECT PARK	Five Finger Death Punch	7
21	23	MOLECULES WARNER BROS.	Atlas Genius	19
28	24	I AM THE FIRE ATLANTIC	Halestorm	9
24	25	THE OTHERSIDE RAZOR & TIE	Red Sun Rising	18



Back In The Limelight

Rush racks its third No. 1 on Top Rock Albums, and first leader with a live release, as *R40 Live*, the classic rock trio's three-disc set chronicling its 40th-anniversary tour in spring/summer 2015, debuts with 24,000 copies sold, according to Nielsen Music. *R40 Live* follows previous chart-toppers *Clockwork Angels* in 2012 and *Snakes & Arrows* in 2007. While Top Rock Albums launched in 2006, Rush's history on the Billboard 200 spans four decades. The new album debuts at No. 24 on the Billboard 200, marking the band's 24th top 40 title. Rush first reached the region with another live release: *All the World's a Stage: Recorded Live* (No. 40, 1976).

As **Twenty One Pilots** crown the Alternative airplay chart for a fourth week with "Stressed Out," the track takes over Rock Airplay. The duo's first leader on each list rises 2-1 on the latter with 11.6 million audience impressions. The song is also crossing to pop radio, rising 34-28 on Mainstream Top 40 and debuting at No. 36 on Adult Top 40. Meanwhile, **Shinedown** extends its record top 10 streak on Mainstream Rock as "State of My Head" surges 14-10. Each of the Florida rockers' 20 entries on the chart have now hit the top 10 (with the first 19 all reaching the top five; nine have led the list). The band arrived with "Fly From the Inside," which rose to No. 5 in 2003.

—Kevin Rutherford

HOT ROCK SONGS: The week's most popular current rock songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music. Songs are defined as current if they are newly-released titles, or songs receiving widespread airplay and/or sales activity for the first time. TOP ROCK ALBUMS: The week's most popular rock albums, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. Albums are defined as current if they are less than 18 months old or less than 18 months old and still residing in the Billboard 200's top 100. ROCK AIRPLAY: The week's most popular rock songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music. Stations are electronically monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. See charts. Legend on billboard.com/biz for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, Inc. All rights reserved.

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	#1 5 WKS HOTLINE BLING	NINETEENS (A. GRAHAM, P. JEFFERIES, T. THOMAS)	Drake YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	1
2	2	2	DG THE HILLS ▲	MANO, ILLANGELO (A. TESFAYE, A. BALSHE, E. NICKERSON, I. LANGELO)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	1
3	3	3	679 PEOPLES (W.J. MAXWELL, A. COSME JR., J. POPE, B. GARCIA)	Fetty Wap Featuring Remy Boyz RGF/300	3	22
4	4	4	HERE ●	POPDMN, U.S. MOLE (A. CARACIOLO, A. WANSEL, W. FELDER, C. TILLMAN, J. HANES, S. T. GERONCO, R. T. GERONCO, C. L. LAM)	Alessia Cara EP/DEF JAM	4
7	7	5	SG WATCH ME ●	BOLO DA PRODUCER (T.B. MINGO, R.L. HAWK)	Silento BOLO/CAPITOL	2
5	6	6	CAN'T FEEL MY FACE ▲	A. PAYAMI, MAX. MARTIN (A. TESFAYE, MAX. MARTIN, S. KOTECHE, A. P. VENSSON, A. PAYAMI)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	1
6	5	7	JUMPMAN	METRO BOOMIN (N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. GRAHAM)	Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	5
10	9	8	ANTIDOTE	WONDAQUI, EESTBOND (L. WEBSTER, E. SHUNIRIND, B. VAN MIERLO, T. BRENECK, D. GUY, L. MICHELS, N. MOYSHON, J. STEINWESS)	Travi\$ Scott GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	8
9	10	9	HIT THE QUAN	BUCK NASTY (R.M. COLBERT, JR., C.M. WILLIAMS)	iLoveMemphis PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS	7
11	11	10	WHITE IVERSON	POST MALONE (A. POST, T.M. ROBERTS)	Post Malone REPUBLIC	10
16	13	11	DON'T	DOPE BOI (B. TILLER, J.B. STEWART, T. HOLLINS, JR., M. CAREY, J. DUPRI, B.M. COX, J. AUSTIN)	Bryson Tiller TRAPSOUL/RCA	11
13	12	12	WHERE YA AT	METRO BOOMIN (N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. GRAHAM)	Future Featuring Drake A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	11
14	14	13	MY WAY	NICK E BEATS (W.J. MAXWELL, A. COSME JR., D. EAGLES)	Fetty Wap Featuring Monty RGF/300	5
20	16	14	SAY IT	POP/TORO (D. PETERSON, A. WANSEL, A. WHITFIELD, D. HALL, N. GILBERT, G. CHAMBERS)	Tory Lanez MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	14
15	15	15	AGAIN	PEOPLES, SHY BOOGS (W.J. MAXWELL, B. GARCIA, E.J. TIMMONS)	Fetty Wap RGF/300	12
21	19	16	BET YOU CAN'T DO IT LIKE ME	NUN MAJOR (D. SIMMONS)	DLOW DLOW	16
18	17	17	BACK UP	ROCKSAYS (D.M. TRIMBLE, K.A. ADAMS, S.M. ANDERSON, C. GOSBERRY)	DeJ Loaf Featuring Big Sean IBGM/COLUMBIA	17
45	27	18	AG IN THE NIGHT	A. PRINCE, MAX. MARTIN, THE WEEKND (A. TESFAYE, A. BALSHE, MAX. MARTIN, S. KOTECHE, A. P. VENSSON, A. PAYAMI)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	18
12	18	19	DOWNTOWN	Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Feat. Eric Nally, Melle Mel, Kool Moe Dee & Grandmaster Caz KLEWS (B. HAGGERTY, KLEWS, E.S. NALLY, J. KARP, J. KAWLINGS, J. DUTTON, L. FLORY, BARNES, H. GAGGERS, D. ASPUNO)	Macklemore & Ryan Lewis WARNER BROS.	6
24	23	20	THE FIX	DJ MUSTARD, M. ADAMS (C. HAYNES, JR., M. FARLANE, M. ADAMS, C. BLANCHARD, D. BELL, K. ROLLINS, D. BROWN, M. GAYE, D. RITZ)	Nelly Featuring Jeremih RECORDS	20
19	21	21	BACK TO BACK	DAXZ, N. SHEBIB, DRAKE (A. GRAHAM, J. CARTER, N.J. SHEBIB)	Drake YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	8
27	25	22	EXCHANGE	THE MEKANICS (B. TILLER, M. HERNANDEZ, M. JOHNSON, J. HALL)	Bryson Tiller TRAPSOUL/RCA	22
33	8	23	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM)	P.L. WILLIAMS (M. ELLIOTT, P.L. WILLIAMS)	Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC	8
22	22	24	ALL EYES ON YOU	MEEK MILL FEAT. CHRIS BROWN & NICKI MINAJ A. DELICATA, MR. MORRIS (R.R. WILLIAMS, O.T. MARAL, C.M. BROWN, A. DELICATA, D. MORRIS, K. COSSOM, ...)	Meek Mill Feat. Chris Brown & Nicki Minaj MAYBACH/ATLANTIC	8
26	24	25	BIG RINGS	METRO BOOMIN (A. GRAHAM, N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE)	Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	16
23	20	26	BLASE	D. RUDNICK (T. GRIFFIN, JR., N.D. WILBURN, A.I.S. BROWN, K.J. BROWN, G. HILL)	Ty Dolla \$ign Featuring Future & Rae Sremmurd ATLANTIC	20
32	28	27	ME, MYSELF & I	M. KEENAN, C. ANDERSSON (G. GILLUM, M. KEENAN, C. ANDERSSON, B. REXHA)	G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	27
28	29	28	RIGHT HAND	VINYLZ, FRANK DUKES (A. GRAHAM, A. HERNANDEZ, A. FEENEY, K. GUNESBERK, T. BRYANT)	Drake YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	19
30	30	29	RGF ISLAND	YUNG LAN (W.J. MAXWELL, M.S. MODI)	Fetty Wap RGF/300	19
HOT SHOT DEBUT	30	30	BEST FRIEND	RICKY RACKS (J. WILLIAMS, R. HARRELL)	Young Thug 300/ATLANTIC	30
35	33	31	PLAY NO GAMES	KEY WANE, J. HENRY (S.M. ANDERSON, D. MEWER, J.M. JOHNSON, C.M. BROWN, J. GAGGERS, J. GRIFFIN, A. HALL, I. L. TILLEY)	Big Sean Feat. Chris Brown & Ty Dolla \$ign G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	28
NEW	32	32	RICH \$EX	METRO BOOMIN (N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, J.H. LUELLEN, A. FEENEY)	Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	32
-	39	33	DOWN IN THE DM	BEN BILLIONS, SCHIFFE (M. MIMS, K.M. KHALED, B. DIEHL, J. LEWIS)	Yo Gotti COCAINE MUZIK/EPIC	33
29	31	34	COMFORTABLE	BIG FRUIT (K.T. CAMPBELL, L.L. CLOPTON, D. JACKSON, T. BALOGUN)	K Camp 4.27/FTE/INTERSCOPE	19
37	35	35	STICK TALK	J. LUELLEN (N.D. WILBURN, J.H. LUELLEN)	Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	35
NEW	36	36	DRIFTING	HAPPY PEREZ, ASHIERE (C. MESSING, D. G. GILLUM, P. PEREZ, M.A. JOBERG, D. JOHN, L. ANDERSON, R. RUCKER, C.M. BROWN, D. T. GERONCO)	G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	36
31	32	37	DIAMONDS DANCING	METRO BOOMIN (A. GRAHAM, N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. RITTER, A. FEENEY)	Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	18
36	38	38	JUGG	S. SINGLETARY (W.J. MAXWELL, A. COSME JR., S. SINGLETARY)	Fetty Wap Featuring Monty RGF/300	32
43	36	39	SORRY	S. STORCH, DIEGO AVE (W.L. ROBERTS, I.I.S. STORCH, D. A. VENNANO, C.M. BROWN)	Rick Ross Featuring Chris Brown MAYBACH/SUP-N-SLIDE/DEF JAM	36
NEW	40	40	CALIFORNIA	MR. HANKY (F. BEVERLY, M. MONTGOMERY, C. DENARD, R. BARRINO, J. THORNTON, JR., J. CARMICHAEL, C.J. HARRIS, JR.)	Colonel Loud Feat. T.I., Young Dolph & Ricco Barrino DEITY/NORTHEMPRE RECORDINGS	40
34	37	41	\$AVE DAT MONEY	MONEY ALWAYSZ (D. BURD, M. WASHINGTON, D.D. LAMAR, W.J. MAXWELL)	Lil Dicky Feat. Fetty Wap & Rich Homie Quan CMSN/ADA	25
50	43	42	ACQUAINTED	BEN BILLIONS, ILLANGELO, J. QUENNEVILLE, DANNYBOYSTYLES, THE WEEKND (A. TESFAYE, J. QUENNEVILLE, ILLANGELO, B. DIEHL, J. SCHOFIELD)	The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC	22
NEW	43	43	PIPE IT UP	MURDA (Q. MARSHALL, K. BALL, K. CEPHUS, S. LINDSTROM)	Migos QUALITY CONTROL/300	43
49	46	44	THOUGHT IT WAS A DROUGHT	METRO BOOMIN, A. RITTER (N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, A. RITTER)	Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	42
41	47	45	PLAYER	LULO, ALEX PURPLE (T. KACHINGWE, L. LOULES, A. KRONLUND, C. ANGELIDES, C.M. BROWN)	Tinashe Featuring Chris Brown RCA	41
NEW	46	46	WATCH OUT	NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	2 Chainz DEF JAM	46
RE-ENTRY	47	47	HEY THERE	ROCKSAYS (D.M. TRIMBLE, N.D. WILBURN, K.A. ADAMS, J. VAUGHN, C.J. KNIGHT, H.G. MILLS)	DeJ Loaf Featuring Future IBGM/COLUMBIA	47
39	40	48	SCHOLARSHIPS	METRO BOOMIN (A. GRAHAM, N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE)	Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	25
38	41	49	DIGITAL DASH	METRO BOOMIN, L. LUELLEN (A. GRAHAM, N.D. WILBURN, L. WAYNE, J.H. LUELLEN)	Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	22
NEW	50	50	SORRY NOT SORRY	MILLI BEATZ, TIMBALAND (B. TILLER, J. SALU, I.T. MOSLEY)	Bryson Tiller TRAPSOUL/RCA	50

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HOT SHOT DEBUT	1	#1 1WK JADAKISS	SO RASPY/D-BLOCK/RUFF RYDERS/DEF JAM	Top 5 Dead Or Alive	1
5	2	GG THE WEEKND ●	XO/REPUBLIC	Beauty Behind The Madness	13
2	3	JEEZY	DEF JAM	Church In These Streets	2
NEW	4	TECH N9NE COLLABOS	STRANGE/RBC	Strangeulation II	1
NEW	5	SOUNDTRACK	Empire: Original Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1	20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA	1
1	6	LOGIC	DEF JAM	The Incredible True Story	2
8	7	FETTY WAP	RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	9
3	8	KIRK FRANKLIN	FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	2
7	9	BRYSON TILLER	TRAPSOUL/RCA	T R A P S O U L	9
15	10	DRAKE ▲	If You're Reading This It's Too Late	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	42
NEW	11	FREDDIE GIBBS	ESGN/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	Shadow Of A Doubt	1
6	12	JANET	RHYTHM NATION/BMG	Unbreakable	8
4	13	TY DOLLA \$IGN	ATLANTIC/AG	Free TC	2
10	14	DRAKE & FUTURE	What A Time To Be Alive	A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	10
12	15	FUTURE	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	DS2	19
14	16	J. COLE ●	2014 Forest Hills Drive	DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	51
NEW	17	KALIN AND MYLES	REPUBLIC	Kalin And Myles	1
36	18	LIL DICKY	CMSN	Professional Rapper	17
11	19	THE GAME	FIFTH ADMENDMENT/BLOOD MONEY/EONE	The Documentary 2	7
18	20	KENDRICK LAMAR	TO PIMP A BUTTERFLY	TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	37
21	21	DR. DRE ●	AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Compton	16
17	22	LEON BRIDGES	LISASAWYER63/COLUMBIA	Coming Home	23
9	23	LALAH HATHAWAY	HATHAWAY/EONE	Live	4
50	24	PS INDIA.ARIE & JOE SAMPLE	Christmas With Friends	SOULBIRD/MOTOWN/CAPITOL	2
25	25	SOUNDTRACK	Empire: Original Soundtrack From Season 1	20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA	38

RAP DIGITAL SONGS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART	
1	1	#1 11 WKS HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	17	
3	2	679 RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap Feat. Remy Boyz	22	
5	3	JUMPMAN A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	Drake & Future	10	
6	4	WHITE IVERSON REPUBLIC	Post Malone	15	
4	5	DOWNTOWN MACKLEMORE	Macklemore & Ryan Lewis	14	
9	6	WATCH ME BOLO/CAPITOL	Silento	38	
2	7	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM) THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC/AG	Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams	3	
NEW	8	DRIFTING G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	G-Eazy Feat. Chris Brown & Tory Lanez	1	
8	9	HIT THE QUAN PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR	iLoveMemphis	19	
7	10	ANTIDOTE GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	Travi\$ Scott	16	
12	11	TRAP QUEEN RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	46	
10	12	AGAIN RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	16	
15	13	BACK UP IBGM/COLUMBIA	DeJ Loaf Feat. Big Sean	16	
13	14	ME, MYSELF & I G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha	6	
18	15	NO ROLE MODELZ DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	J. Cole	25	
17	16	MY WAY RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap Feat. Monty	20	
14	17	COME GET HER EARDRUM/INTERSCOPE/IGA	Rae Sremmurd	36	
22	18	SEE YOU AGAIN UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/AG	Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth	38	
16	19	RIGHT HAND YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	17	
20	20	WHERE YA AT A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	Future Feat. Drake	19	
23	21	BIG RINGS A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	Drake & Future	10	
27	22	BET YOU CAN'T DO IT LIKE ME DLOW	DLOW	4	
24	23	BACK TO BACK YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	17	
21	24	BLASE Ty Dolla \$ign Feat. Future & Rae Sremmurd ATLANTIC/AG		12	
NEW	25	BEST FRIEND 300/ATLANTIC/AG	Young Thug	1	



Jadakiss Returns

Rapper **Jadakiss** returns to No. 1 on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums as *Top 5 Dead or Alive* arrives with 60,000 sold in the week ending Nov. 26 (according to Nielsen Music), notching his third chart leader as a solo act and his first crowning set since 2009, when his third studio album, *The Last Kiss*, bowed atop the tally. As part of hip-hop trio **The Lox**, he also scored a No. 1 on the chart in 1998 with *Money, Power & Respect*, which spurred a top 10 hit on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs with its title track. The new album triggers a No. 44 arrival for the hip-hop star on the Billboard Artist 100.

On Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs, **Young Thug** earns the Hot Shot Debut as "Best Friend" comes in at No. 30 — his best starting rank on the chart. While YouTube views supply most of the points fueling its entrance (claiming 73 percent of its 2.9 million weekly streams), its wide release on Nov. 20 to services like Spotify and Rhapsody helps the song's climb. "Best Friend" simultaneously debuts at No. 98 on the Billboard Hot 100; it's the rapper's seventh charting hit.

Lastly, rising rapper **Post Malone** jumps into the top 10 on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs with his debut single, "White Iverson." The track peaks 11-10 in its 15th week with gains across airplay, sales and streaming. The song has its best streaming week yet, logging 5.7 million clicks in the United States (up 5 percent). Spotify is the biggest contributor, with 54 percent of overall streams. Digital sales also peak, rising 5 percent to 28,000 downloads.

—Amaya Mendizabal

HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS: The week's most popular current R&B/hip-hop songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music, sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music and streaming activity data by online music sources tracked by Nielsen Music. Songs are defined as current if they are newly-released titles, or songs receiving widespread airplay and/or sales activity for the first time. TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS: The week's most popular current R&B/hip-hop albums, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. Albums are defined as current if they are less than 18 months old or older than 18 months but still leading in the Billboard 200's top 100. RAP DIGITAL SONGS: The week's top-downloaded rap songs, ranked by sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music. See Charts Legend on Billboard.com for complete rules and explanations. © 2015, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen Music, LLC. All rights reserved.

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HOT LATIN SONGS™						
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	1	#1 9 WKS DG SG GINZA SKYMOSTLY (J.A.OSORIO BALVIN,R.RAMIREZ SUAREZ,D.CANO RIOS...)	J Balvin CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	1	19
2	2	2	EL PERDON	Nicky Jam & Enrique Iglesias SAGA WHITEBLACK (N.RIVERA CAMINERO,SAGA WHITEBLACK,J.O.MEDINA VELEZ,Z.THOHMS,T.HOHS,MAITY JAMES,E.MAGLASSAS)	1	43
4	4	3	PROPUESTA INDECENTE	Romeo Santos A.SANTOS (A.SANTOS)	1	123
5	3	4	DESPUES DE TI QUIEN	La Adictiva Banda San Jose de Mesillas A.VALDES (I.CHAVEZ ESPINOZA)	3	17
3	5	5	BORRO CASSETTE	Maluma THE RUDE BOYS (J.L.LONDONO ARIAS,D.CANO RIOS,K.MAURICIO JIMENEZ,B.SNAIDER LEZCANO)	3	19
7	6	6	TE METISTE	Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho J.J.GONZALEZ TERRAZAS (S.MERCADO)	2	40
10	7	7	CUAL ADIOS	Banda Clave Nueva de Max Peraza R.VERDUZCO (FATO)	7	28
9	9	8	PIENSALO	Banda Sinaloense MS de Sergio Lizarraga S.LIZARRAGA,BANDA SINALOENSE MS (H.PALENCIA CISNEROS)	6	22
6	8	9	SUNSET	Farruko Featuring Shaggy & Nicky Jam J.JOHNSTON (I.C.E.REYES ROSADO,N.RIVERA CAMINERO,J.D.BURRELL,L.T.JOHNSTON,N.SILVERA)	3	18
8	10	10	LA GOZADERA	Gente de Zona Featuring Marc Anthony MOTIFF,S.GEORGE (A.HERNANDEZ DELGADO,R.M.MARTINEZ AMEYA,GONZALEZ ARROYO)	2	31
12	11	11	PONGAMONOS DE ACUERDO	Julion Alvarez y Su Norteno Banda J.ALVAREZ (A.OLIVAS)	11	13
15	12	12	SOLO CON VERTE	Banda Sinaloense MS de Sergio Lizarraga NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	12	3
16	18	13	EL MISMO SOL	Alvaro Soler Featuring Jennifer Lopez THE MONSTERS & STRANGERS,STREBEL,A.ZUCKOWSKI (A.Z.SOLER,STREBEL,A.ZUCKOWSKI)	13	9
11	13	14	VAIVEN	Daddy Yankee C.JEDAY (R.L.AVALA RODRIGUEZ,C.JEDAY)	11	9
13	14	15	TE BUSCO	Cosculluela / Nicky Jam E.SARRAGA (J.COSCULLUELA,N.RIVERA CAMINERO,L.I.ROMERO,M.CEDENO URBANI,E.SARRAGA,E.GONZALEZ)	13	10
14	15	16	HABLEMOS	Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho J.J.GONZALEZ TERRAZAS (F.DE JESUS MARTINEZ CERDA)	14	6
17	16	17	SE VA MURIENDO MI ALMA	La Septima Banda L.LUNA DIAZ (M.A.SOLIS)	14	15
20	17	18	POR QUE ME ILUSIONASTE?	Remmy Valenzuela R.VALENZUELA (B.SANDOVAL)	17	9
21	20	19	AUNQUE AHORA ESTES CON EL	Calibre 50 J.TIRADO CASTANEDA (J.E.MURGUIA PEDRAZA,M.L.ARRIAGA)	9	24
18	23	20	ENCANTADORA	Yandel HAZE (L.VEGUILLA MALAVE,E.ROSA CINTRON,E.A.VARGAS BERRIOS,C.E.REYES-ROSADO)	18	6
30	24	21	AG PISTEAR	Banda Los Recoditos A.LIZARRAGA (A.DE LA CRUZ GARCIA,J.L.L.CHAGOLLA)	21	4
19	25	22	CHOCA	Plan B LUNY TUNES (O.J.VALLE VEGA,E.F.VAZQUEZ,F.SALDANA,V.CABRERAS)	17	14
25	22	23	Y QUE HA SIDO DE TI?	Chuy Lizarraga y Su Banda Tierra Sinaloense C.LIZARRAGA (I.CHAVEZ ESPINOZA)	22	8
39	30	24	YA TE PERDI LA FE	La Arrolladora Banda el Limon de Rene Camacho F.CAMACHO TIRADO (E.MUNOZ,H.PALENCIA CISNEROS)	24	4
43	26	25	POR SI ESTAS CON EL PENDIENTE	Voz de Mando J.GAXIOLA (J.JINZUNZA FAVELA,H.PALENCIA CISNEROS)	25	3
23	21	26	NO VALORASTE	Roberto Tapia R.TAPIA (R.TAPIA)	16	16
49	32	27	LA MIEL DE SU SALIVA	Banda El Recodo de Cruz Lizarraga A.LIZARRAGA,J.LIZARRAGA (F.OSUNA,A.LIZARRAGA)	27	3
37	31	28	?POR QUE TERMINAMOS?	Gerardo Ortiz G.ORTIZ (J.JINZUNZA FAVELA,L.L.DIAZ)	28	10
40	34	29	LA GRIPA	Calibre 50 J.TIRADO CASTANEDA (C.ESTRADA MORENO)	29	5
28	33	30	MAYOR QUE YO 3	Luny Tunes, Daddy Yankee, Wisin, Don Omar, Yandel LUNY TUNES (J.L.MORERA LUNA,L.VEGUILLA MALAVE,W.O.LANDRON RIVERA,R.PINA,R.L.AVALA RODRIGUEZ...)	28	5
-	19	31	CULPA AL CORAZON	Prince Royce D.LORA,L.CASTANEDA,G.R.ROJAS (G.R.ROJAS,D.SANTACRUZ)	19	2
-	28	32	TRAIORA	Gente de Zona Featuring Marc Anthony MOTIFF (J.TORRES,S.M.MARTINEZ AMEYA,GONZALEZ ARROYO,A.HERNANDEZ DELGADO,MARC ANTHONY)	28	2
29	29	33	SI LO HACEMOS BIEN	Wisin SANTANA THE GOLDEN BOY (J.LEPEDA MATOS,J.A.TORRES-ABREU CASTRO,J.SANTANA LUGAL,RAMIREZ LOPEZ,S.SALINAS MONTES)	12	19
38	38	34	Y POR LO PRONTO	Alfredo Olivas A.OLIVAS (A.OLIVAS)	34	11
22	40	35	QUE SE SIENTA EL DESEO	Wisin Featuring Ricky Martin LOS LEGENDARIOS (J.L.MORERA LUNA,L.O'NEILL,M.A.RAMIREZ CARRASQUILLO,R.MARTIN,V.TORRES BERNARDINI)	20	9
RE-ENTRY		36	FIESTA [REMIX]	Bomba Estereo & Will Smith R.REED,JOE LONDON (J.M.SAUMET AVILA,S.MEJIA,F.FREDERIC JOE LONDONO,K.SMITH,D.RAMBERTS,E.ABRAHAM)	11	2
27	27	37	NADA MAS POR ESO	Luis Coronel L.LUNA DIAZ (L.L.DIAZ,J.O.TARAZON)	19	11
42	37	38	EL REY DE CORAZONES	Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho J.J.GONZALEZ TERRAZAS (H.HERRERO,L.GOMEZ ESCOLAR)	37	7
41	36	39	PICKY	Joey Montana PREDIKADOR (E.MIRANDA,V.DELGADO)	32	14
34	35	40	PARA QUE AMARTE	La Maquinaria Nortena H.NOVOA (L.L.DIAZ,J.JINZUNZA FAVELA)	26	15
44	46	41	BAILAME	Alex Sensation Featuring Yandel & Shaggy W.POLANCO,DAWIN (ALEX SENSATION,L.VEGUILLA MALAVE,O.R.BURRELL,O.ROSARIO)	39	10
45	39	42	TE ACUERDAS DE TU AMIGA	Adriel Favela J.A.JINZUNZA,R.ORRANTIA (J.A.JINZUNZA FAVELA,L.L.DIAZ)	27	15
-	47	43	BRONCHE DE ORO	La Trakalosa de Monterrey J.A.REYNA ZUNIGA (A.AYLIN,A.NAVARRO)	43	2
HOT SHOT DEBUT		44	EL AMERICANO	Omar Ruiz NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	44	1
48	44	45	ME GUSTAS ME GUSTAS	Regulo Caro F.JUAREZ (O.TARAZON)	41	8
-	50	46	EL SENOR DE LOS CIELOS	Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho A.DEL VILLAR,J.GONZALEZ (D.NIEBLA)	46	2
47	45	47	RECUERDAME	Pablo Alboran E.J.ROSSE (P.ALBORAN)	34	8
RE-ENTRY		48	NOCHE DE PASION	Frank Reyes FRANK REYES (F.A.BENCOSME)	34	12
35	49	49	ECOS DE AMOR	Jesse & Joy F.SMITH,J.E.HUERTA UECKE (J.REEVES,R.WESTBERG,D.LEVERETT,L.HUERTA UECKE,J.EDUARDO HUERTA UECKE)	30	10
31	42	50	UN BESO	Baby Rasta & Gringo SANTANA THE GOLDEN BOY (J.J.SANDORILLA,J.A.TORRES-ABREU CASTRO,J.SANTANA LUGAL,MONTANO VEGA,J.P.MARILES PEREZ,O.LEPEDA MATOS)	25	13

TOP LATIN ALBUMS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS ON CHART
HOT SHOT DEBUT	1	#1 1WK CALIBRE 50 ANDALUZ/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Historias de La Calle	1
1	2	IL DIVO SYCO/COLUMBIA	Amor & Pasion	2
2	3	ANDREA BOCELLI SUGAR/UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	Cinema: Edicion En Espanol	5
8	4	JUAN GABRIEL  FONOVISA/UMLE	Los Duo	42
10	5	JUAN GABRIEL SONY MUSIC LATIN	Mis Numero 1... 40 Aniversario	69
11	6	BANDA SINALOENSE MS DE SERGIO LIZARRAGA LIZOS	En Vivo: Guadalupe - Monterrey	13
7	7	YANDEL SONY MUSIC LATIN	Dangerous	3
5	8	ARIEL CAMACHO Y LOS PLEBES DEL RANCHO DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Hablemos	3
9	9	VARIOUS ARTISTS FONOVISA/UMLE	Radio Exitos: El Disco del Ano 2015	5
14	10	VARIOUS ARTISTS POPULAR	Cuba y Puerto Rico Son...	2
13	11	RICKY MARTIN  SONY MUSIC LATIN	A Quien Quiera Escuchar	42
20	12	ROMEO SANTOS  SONY MUSIC LATIN	Formula: Vol. 2	92
23	13	JULION ALVAREZ Y SU NORTENO BANDA DISA/UMLE	Lecciones Para El Corazon	17
45	14	GG CARLA MORRISON COSMICA	Amor Supremo	3
16	15	PRINCE ROYCE  SONY MUSIC LATIN	Soy El Mismo	87
RE	16	NATALIA LAFOURCADE SONY MUSIC LATIN	Hasta La Raiz	2
RE	17	LA MAQUINARIA NORTENA AZTECA/FONOVISA/UMLE	Ya Dime Adios	8
NEW	18	REGULO CARO DEL	Mi Guitarra y Yo, Vol. 2	1
19	19	VARIOUS ARTISTS FONOVISA/UMLE	Banda #1's 2015	4
22	20	FARRUKO CARBON FIBER/SONY MUSIC LATIN	Visionary	5
RE	21	LA ENERGIA NORTENA AZTECA/FONOVISA/UMLE	El Rompecabezas	6
17	22	GLORIA TREVI UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	El Amor	14
21	23	MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS FONOVISA/UMLE	15 Inolvidables	55
38	24	PS JULION ALVAREZ Y SU NORTENO BANDA  FONOVISA/UMLE	El Aferrado	36
33	25	SELENA CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	Lo Mejor de...	35

LATIN DIGITAL SONGS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 34 WKS EL PERDON Nicky Jam & Enrique Iglesias CODISCOS/LA INDUSTRIA/SONY MUSIC LATIN		44
2	2	GINZA CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	J Balvin	19
8	3	FELIZ NAVIDAD RCA/LEGACY	Jose Feliciano	46
4	4	BAILANDO Enrique Iglesias Feat. Descemer Bueno & Gente de Zona REPUBLIC/UMLE		89
7	5	LA GOZADERA Gente de Zona Feat. Marc Anthony MAGNUS/SONY MUSIC LATIN		31
6	6	VIVIR MI VIDA SONY MUSIC LATIN	Marc Anthony	136
NEW	7	SIN CONTRATO SONY MUSIC LATIN	Maluma Feat. Fifth Harmony	1
9	8	DANZA KUDURO Don Omar & Lucenzo YANIS/ORFANATO/MACHETE/UMLE		276
5	9	TRAIDORA Gente de Zona Feat. Marc Anthony MAGNUS/SONY MUSIC LATIN		2
11	10	AY VAMOS CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE	J Balvin	71
13	11	BORRO CASSETTE SONY MUSIC LATIN	Maluma	20
14	12	TRAVESURAS LA INDUSTRIA/CODISCOS	Nicky Jam	79
12	13	VAIVEN EL CARTEL	Daddy Yankee	10
19	14	LA MORDIDITA Ricky Martin Feat. Yotuel SONY MUSIC LATIN		26
29	15	EL AMOR DE SU VIDA Julion Alvarez y Su Norteno Banda FONOVISA/UMLE		37
10	16	SOLO CON VERTE Banda Sinaloense MS de Sergio Lizarraga LIZOS		4
16	17	HIPS DON'T LIE Shakira Feat. Wyclef Jean EPIC		308
25	18	FIESTA [REMIX] Bomba Estereo & Will Smith SONY MUSIC LATIN		4
15	19	SUNSET Farruko Feat. Shaggy & Nicky Jam SONY MUSIC LATIN		18
17	20	TE METISTE Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho DEL		40
24	21	6 AM J Balvin Feat. Farruko CAPITOL LATIN/UMLE		98
18	22	DESPUES DE TI QUIEN La Adictiva Banda San Jose de Mesillas ANVAL/SONY MUSIC LATIN		14
27	23	HEROE Enrique Iglesias INTERSCOPE/UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE		308
22	24	HABLEMOS Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho ARIEL CAMACHO		7
21	25	EL TAXI Pitbull Feat. Sensato & Osmani García FAMOUS ARTIST/MR. 305/SONY MUSIC LATIN		36



Calibre 50 Excels; Latin Grammys Shine

Regional Mexican band **Calibre 50** (above) celebrates its first No. 1 on Top Latin Albums with the arrival of *Historias de la Calle*. It's the ninth charting set for the act, which debuted on the list in 2010. The new album — the group's first for Sony Music Latin after years with Universal's Disa — starts with a career-high sales frame of 5,000 (for the week ending Nov. 26, according to Nielsen Music). It also gives the band its third straight leader on Regional Mexican Albums.

The set's single, "La Gripe," reaches a new high on Hot Latin Songs, gliding 34-29.

Elsewhere on the charts, the 16th Latin Grammy Awards (which aired live Nov. 19 on Univision) spurs gains for such acts as **Maluma**, **Natalia Lafourcade** and **J Balvin** — all of whom appeared on the show.

Colombian reggaeton singer Maluma performed a new version of "Sin Contrato" (from his album *Pretty Boy, Dirty Boy*) alongside girl group **Fifth Harmony**. The track was made available on Nov. 20 and sold 2,000 downloads in its first week. It bows at No. 7 on Latin Digital Songs.

Lafourcade (who brought home four trophies) hops 14-9 on Latin Pop Digital Songs with "Hasta la Raiz" (up 86 percent, to 1,000 downloads). The song won two of the night's biggest awards: song and record of the year.

J Balvin, who remains atop Hot Latin Songs for a ninth consecutive week with "Ginza," earns a 30 percent rise in downloads (to 5,000) following his performance. He won the Latin Grammy for best urban song for "Ay Vamos."

—Amaya Mendizabal

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BEST TROPICAL SONG



Monsieur Periné
BEST NEW ARTIST



J Balvin (SAYCO)
BEST URBAN SONG



Diamante Eléctrico
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Maná
BEST POP/ROCK ALBUM



Vicentico (SGAE)
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Lila Downs
BEST FOLK ALBUM



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BEST LATIN JAZZ ALBUM



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BEST CHRISTIAN ALBUM



Carlos Franzetti
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CONTEMPORARY COMPOSITION



Sebastian Kryz
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BEST SHORT FORM MUSIC VIDEO



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HOT CHRISTIAN SONGS™							
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
-	1	1	#1 2 WKS GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS	NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Jordan Smith REPUBLIC	1	2
1	2	2	OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL) ▲	M.G.CHISLETT (M.CROCKER,J.HOUSTON,S.LIGTHELM)	Hillsong UNITED HILLSONG/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	1	115
5	5	3	THE RIVER	C.WEDGEWORTH (J.FELIZ,C.WEDGEWORTH,J.SILVERBERG)	Jordan Feliz CENTRICITY	3	13
2	3	4	GOOD GOOD FATHER	R.COPPERMAN (J.P.M.BARRETT,T.BROWN)	Chris Tomlin SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	2	9
4	4	5	JUST BE HELD	M.A.MILLER (M.HALL,B.HERMS,M.WEST)	Casting Crowns BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	4	22
8	6	6	FEEL IT	D.GARCIA,TOBYMAC (T.MCKEEHAN,D.A.GARCIA,C.R.BARLOWE)	tobyMac Featuring Mr. Talkbox FOREFRONT/CAPITOL CMG	5	21
9	7	7	SAME POWER	S.MOSLEY (J.CAMP,J.INGRAM)	Jeremy Camp STOLEN PRIDE/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	7	23
10	9	8	MY STORY	J.REDMON (M.WEAVER,J.INGRAM)	Big Daddy Weave FERVENT/WORD-CURB	8	21
7	8	9	FLAWLESS	B.GLOVER,D.GARCIA (B.MILLARD,M.SCHEUCHZER,N.COCHRAN,R.SHAFFER,B.GRAUL,S.IOLDS,D.A.GARCIA,B.GLOVER)	MercyMe FAIR TRADE	2	34
6	10	10	FIRST	P.MABURY,J.INGRAM (L.DAIGLE,P.MABURY,J.INGRAM,M.L.C.FIELDS,H.BENTLEY)	Lauren Daigle CENTRICITY	2	27
11	11	11	THERE IS POWER	L.L.BREWSTER,C.WEDGEWORTH (L.L.BREWSTER,M.L.C.FIELDS)	Lincoln Brewster INTEGRITY	11	28
12	12	12	AIR I BREATHE	S.MOSLEY (M.KEARNEY,S.MOSLEY)	Mat Kearney AWARE/PUBLIC/INPOP	12	24
15	16	13	GRACE WINS	P.KIPLEY (M.WEST)	Matthew West SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	13	16
19	17	14	LIVE ON FOREVER	J.MOHILOWSKI (J.HAVENS,M.FUQUA,J.MOHILOWSKI,D.OSTEBO,J.INGRAM)	The Afters FAIR TRADE	14	12
16	15	15	YOU ARE LOVED	C.BROWN (C.CLEVELAND,K.WILLIAMS,J.ZEGAN,J.SOJKA)	Stars Go Dim FERVENT/WORD-CURB	15	11
13	13	16	LIFT YOUR HEAD WEARY SINNER (CHAINS)	C.PASCHALL,E.CASH,D.CROWDER (E.CASH,D.CROWDER,S.PHILPOTT)	Crowder SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	11	24
18	20	17	DELIVERER	P.MOAK (M.MAHER,N.RINEHART,W.RINEHART)	Matt Maher ESSENTIAL/PLG	17	21
20	18	18	BE ONE	B.HERMS (N.GRANT,B.MIZELL,S.MIZELL,E.WEISBAND)	Natalie Grant CURB	18	10
25	24	19	IT'S NOT OVER YET	TEDD T. (L.SMALLBONE,J.SMALLBONE,B.GLOVER,T.JORNHOM,K.RICTOR)	for KING & COUNTRY FERVENT/WORD-CURB	19	9
14	19	20	PRODIGAL	S.MOSLEY (D.FREY,B.MCDONALD,S.MOSLEY)	Sidewalk Prophets WORD-CURB	14	25
23	22	21	GUILTY	S.MOSLEY (J.OTERO,P.STEWART)	newsboys FAIR TRADE	21	9
22	25	22	ALONE	B.FOWLER (H.MILLER,B.FOWLER,T.MCKEEHAN,T.MCKEEHAN)	Hollyn Featuring TRU GOTEE	22	6
24	21	23	YOUR WORDS	THE SOUND KIDS (M.POWELL,T.ANDERSON,M.LEE,D.CARR)	Third Day Featuring Harvest ESSENTIAL/PLG	20	16
21	23	24	GLOW IN THE DARK	B.GLOVER (J.GRAY,B.GLOVER)	Jason Gray CENTRICITY	19	22
26	26	25	GREATER IS HE	S.MOSLEY (B.CALLAHAN,C.BROWN,J.INGRAM)	Blanca WORD-CURB	22	14

HOT GOSPEL SONGS™							
2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	1	#1 13 WKS WANNA BE HAPPY?	K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN,A.GREEN)	Kirk Franklin FO YO SOUL/RCA/RCA INSPIRATION	1	13
2	2	2	WORTH	A.BROWN,J.SAVAGE (A. BROWN)	Anthony Brown & group therAPy KEY OF A/VMAN/TYSCOT	1	31
3	3	3	INTENTIONAL	T.GREENE,V.NAVEJAR (T.GREENE)	Travis Greene RCA INSPIRATION	1	30
4	4	4	WORTH FIGHTING FOR	A.W.LINSEY (B.C.WILSON,A.LINES)	Brian Courtney Wilson MOTOWN GOSPEL	3	43
5	5	5	# WAR	C.JENKINS,R.EAST (C.JENKINS)	Charles Jenkins & Fellowship Chicago INSPIRED PEOPLE	2	56
6	6	6	YES YOU CAN	A.W.LINSEY (C.DIXSON,M.L.SAPP)	Marvin Sapp RCA INSPIRATION/RCA	3	42
7	7	7	I'M GOOD	R.JERKINS (R.JERKINS,J.AUSTIN,T.BOWMAN, JR.,M.WINANS, JR.,L.WARE,A.ROSS)	Tim Bowman Jr. LIFESTYLE	7	22
8	8	8	I LUH GOD	W.CAMPBELL,L.A.DANIELS (W.CAMPBELL,E.M.ATKINS-CAMPBELL,L.A.DANIELS)	Erica Campbell Featuring Big Shizz MY BLOCK/EONE	1	35
9	9	9	GOTTA HAVE YOU	W.CAMPBELL,P.MORTON (P. MORTON,J.MCREYNOLDS,W.CAMPBELL)	Jonathan McReynolds TEHILLAH/LIGHT	8	35
10	10	10	I'M YOURS	K.BOWIE,C.CARTER (C.J.HOBBS)	Casey J MARQUIS BOONE/TYSCOT	10	13
13	11	11	YOU LOVE ME (BEST OF MY LOVE)	R.ROBINSON (M.WHITE,A.MCKAY,A.WILSON,G.P.ROBINSON)	Anita Wilson MOTOWN GOSPEL	10	13
-	15	12	123 VICTORY	K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN,L.PARKER)	Kirk Franklin FO YO SOUL/RCA/RCA INTERNATIONAL/RCA INSPIRATION	12	2
11	12	13	LIKE NO OTHER	D.WEATHERSPOON (B.CAGE)	Byron Cage NORY B	11	8
14	13	14	PLACE CALLED VICTORY	D.KIPPING (D.KIPPING,D.BROWN JR.)	Deon Kipping RCA INSPIRATION	13	13
16	17	15	THANK YOU JESUS (THAT'S WHAT HE'S DONE)	A.A.WARD (M.BUTLER,R.SEARIGHT)	Kim Burrell SHANACHIE	15	17
12	14	16	RESTORE ME AGAIN	D.HADDON,M.HODGE (D.HADDON,D.BLUMFIELD)	Deitrick Haddon RELEVE/DHVISIONS/EONE	12	15
19	16	17	KING OH KING	K.SHELTON (K.SHELTON,M.BROWN CLARK,K.RINGGOLD)	Maurette Brown Clark SRT	16	12
15	19	18	THE ANTHEM	D.J.KIMBROUGH,J.DULANEY (H.SEELEY,J.HUNT,L.WEBBER)	Todd Dulaney EONE WORSHIP/EONE	15	10
17	18	19	OVERFLOW	V.MITCHELL (T.COBBBS)	Tasha Cobbs MOTOWN GOSPEL	11	23
20	22	20	LEVEL NEXT	J.P.KEE (J.P.KEE)	John P. Kee KEE/MOTOWN GOSPEL	20	4
RE-ENTRY	21	21	YOU'RE MIGHTY	J.J.HAIRSTON,E.DAVIS (J.J.HAIRSTON,E.DAVIS)	J.J. Hairston & Youthful Praise LIGHT	21	2
-	21	22	MY WORLD NEEDS YOU	K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN)	Kirk Franklin Feat. Sarah Reeves, Tasha Cobbs & Tamela Mann FO YO SOUL/RCA/RCA INSPIRATION	21	2
NEW	23	23	FAITH	NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	J Moss PMG GOSPEL/PAJAM	23	1
NEW	24	24	HANG ON	K.BOND (M.A.LOCK)	Pastor Marlon Lock OGHBYRG PRODUCTIONS	24	1
-	25	25	OVER	K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN)	Kirk Franklin FO YO SOUL/RCA/RCA INSPIRATION	25	2

TOP CHRISTIAN ALBUMS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART	
2	1	#1 3 WKS CHRIS TOMLIN Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG		5	
3	2	MERCYME FAIR TRADE/PLG	MercyMe, It's Christmas!	7	
5	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS PLG/WORD-CURB/CAPITOL CMG	WOW Hits 2016	9	
6	4	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	Thrive	93	
RE	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS MARANATHA/CAPITOL CMG	Top 25 Praise Songs: 2016 Edition	9	
16	6	GG THIRD DAY Lead Us Back: Songs Of Worship ESSENTIAL/PLG		39	
RE	7	JEREMY CAMP STOLEN PRIDE/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	I Will Follow	42	
7	8	CHRIS TOMLIN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Love Ran Red	57	
4	9	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	A Live Worship Experience	2	
12	10	MERCYME FAIR TRADE/PLG	Welcome To The New	86	
35	11	MATTHEW WEST SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Live Forever	26	
9	12	LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	How Can It Be	34	
8	13	TOBYMAC FOREFRONT/CAPITOL CMG	This Is Not A Test	16	
RE	14	AMY GRANT AMY GRANT/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Be Still And Know... Hymns & Faith	22	
13	15	KUTLESS BEC	Surrender	2	
18	16	GAITHER VOCAL BAND GAITHER/CAPITOL CMG	Christmas Collection	7	
11	17	KENNY ROGERS WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WORD-CURB	Once Again It's Christmas	5	
1	18	NATALIE GRANT CURB/WORD-CURB	Be One	2	
HOT SHOT DEBUT	19	CHRISTAFARI LION OF ZION	Anthems	1	
46	20	MATT MAHER ESSENTIAL/PLG	Saints And Sinners	35	
48	21	RHONDA VINCENT UPPER MANAGEMENT	Christmas Time	4	
21	22	VARIOUS ARTISTS WORD-CURB	Country Faith Christmas	4	
RE	23	JESUS CULTURE JESUS CULTURE/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	This Is Jesus Culture	6	
25	24	DANNY GOKEY BMG	Christmas Is Here	6	
RE	25	MATT REDMAN SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	Unbroken Praise: At Abbey Road Studios	15	

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	#1 2 WKS	KIRK FRANKLIN FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	3
2	2	DEITRICK HADDON RELEVE/DHVISIONS/EONE		Masterpiece	3
NEW	3	KIERRA SHEARD KAREW/EONE		LED (EP)	1
3	4	TASHA COBBES MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG		One Place Live	14
5	5	ANTHONY BROWN & GROUP THERAPY KEY OF A/VMAN/TYSCOT/TASEIS		Everyday Jesus	19
4	6	TRAVIS GREENE RCA INSPIRATION/RCA		The Hill	4
10	7	GG	VARIOUS ARTISTS Maranatha! Music: Top 15 Gospel Praise Hits MARANATHA/CAPITOL CMG		6
9	8	VARIOUS ARTISTS MOTOWN GOSPEL/WORD-CURB/RCA INSPIRATION/RCA		WOW Gospel 2015	43
12	9	TAMELA MANN TILLYMANN		Best Days	148
11	10	JONATHAN MCREYNOLDS TEHILLAH/LIGHT/EONE		Life Music: Stage Two	10
NEW	11	VARIOUS ARTISTS DREAMBRIDGE/EONE		Rise Isaiah 60:1	1
13	12	MARVIN SAPP RCA INSPIRATION/RCA		You Shall Live	26
16	13	JOHN P. KEE KEE/MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG		Level Next	9
14	14	VARIOUS ARTISTS MARANATHA! MUSIC: TOP 25 GOSPEL PRAISE SONGS MARANATHA/CAPITOL CMG			3
19	15	CASEY J MARQUIS BOONE/TYSCOT/TASEIS		The Truth	30
15	16	TASHA COBBES MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG		Grace (EP)	146
24	17	CHARLES JENKINS & FELLOWSHIP CHICAGO INSPIRED PEOPLE/MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG		Any Given Sunday	37
22	18	KAREN CLARK-SHEARD KAREW/EONE		Destined To Win	19
21	19	THE WILLIAMS BROTHERS AND LEE WILLIAMS BLACKBERRY		My Brother's Keeper III	6
RE	20	ERICA CAMPBELL MY BLOCK/EONE		Help 2.0	32
20	21	KIM BURRELL SHANACHIE		A Different Place	11
RE	22	BRIAN COURTNEY WILSON MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG		Worth Fighting For	34
25	23	VARIOUS ARTISTS EONE		Billboard #1 Gospel Hits	42
18	24	ISRAEL & NEW BREED RGM NEW BREED/RCA INSPIRATION/RCA		Covered: Alive In Asia	18
23	25	THE WILLIAMS BROTHERS BLACKBERRY		Gospel Praise	5



Merry Chris Tomlin

Chris Tomlin (above) holds two spots in the top 10 of the Top Christian Albums chart for a fifth straight week. *Adore: Christmas Songs of Worship* steps 2-1 for a third week at the summit (11,000 copies sold, according to Nielsen Music) after opening atop the Nov. 14 list, while *Love Ran Red* slips 7-8 in its 57th week on the survey (4,000). Tomlin's twofer streak is the best since **Hillsong** linked 10 consecutive weeks with two titles in the top 10 from July to September 2014, and the best run by a solo male since **Michael W. Smith** strung together 14 frames with two concurrent top 10s in 2002 and 2003. The 11-song *Adore*, a mix of classics and new material, features such guests as **Crowder** and **Lauren Daigle**. Two of its tracks debut on Hot Christian Songs: "Noel" (featuring Daigle) is No. 30 and "He Shall Reign Forevermore" is No. 32. If that's not enough, Tomlin also breaks a record on Christian Airplay, where "Good Good Father" marches 11-9. The song marks Tomlin's 22nd Christian Airplay top 10, pushing him past runners-up **Casting Crowns** and **MercyMe**, each with 21 in the chart's 12-year history. "I'm thrilled with the success we're seeing from Chris," says Capitol Christian Music Group vp promotion **Grant Hubbard**. "He continues to deliver hits for our format that not only connect to the radio consumer, but songs that are sung in churches around the world. He is a rare artist."

—Jim Asker

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2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	1	#1 20 WKS LEAN ON (S.GUESS,K.MORSTED,W.S.E.GRIGAHCINE,T.W.PENTZ,P.MECKSEPER) MAD DECENT	Major Lazer & DJ Snake Featuring MO	1	39
3	2	2	DG WHERE ARE U NOW (J.F.BAUTISTA,N.PEREZ,R.BRYANT) TONSPLE/ATLANTIC	Skrillex & Diplo With Justin Bieber	1	40
4	4	3	AG ROSES (A.TAGGART,E.MENCEL) DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers Featuring ROZES	3	24
2	3	4	HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE (J.GUYNE,J.PATTERSON,J.WROLDSEN,J.BENNETT) CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	Calvin Harris & Disciples	2	19
5	5	5	SG HEY MAMA (D.GUETTA,G.HUTINFORLE,DEAN (D.GUETTA,G.HUTINFORLE,VAN DE WALL,E.DAN,J.WHAT A MESS,PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	David Guetta Feat. Nicki Minaj, Bebe Rexha & Afrojack	1	53
8	6	6	DESSERT (D.POLANCO) CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	Dawin	6	26
7	7	7	YOU KNOW YOU LIKE IT (A.DEWJI-FRANCIS,G.REID) INTERSCOPE	DJ Snake & AlunaGeorge	2	50
6	8	8	HOLD MY HAND (J.GLYNNE,J.PATTERSON,J.WROLDSEN,J.BENNETT) ATLANTIC	Jess Glynne	6	35
10	10	9	SUGAR (D.BIEBER,R.D.G.KRAMER,J.DOH,R.SCHULZ (F.J.BAUTISTA,N.PEREZ,R.BRYANT) TONSPLE/ATLANTIC	Robin Schulz Featuring Francesco Yates	9	18
12	9	10	MAGNETS (G.LAWRENCE,H.LAWRENCE,J.J.NAPIER,E.M.L.YELICH-O'CONNOR) METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL	Disclosure Featuring Lorde	8	10
9	11	11	POWERFUL (T.W.PENTZ,M.PICARD,C.PICARD,O.RILEY,JUBER,F.HALL,E.J.GOULDING) MAD DECENT/INTERSCOPE	Major Lazer Feat. Ellie Goulding & Tarrus Riley	5	26
11	12	12	SOMETHING BETTER (N.B.RATHBUN,P.HANNA,T.BIRD) ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Audien Featuring Lady Antebellum	10	20
13	13	13	OMEN (G.LAWRENCE,H.LAWRENCE,J.J.NAPIER,S.SMITH) METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL	Disclosure Featuring Sam Smith	5	18
15	14	14	BE RIGHT THERE (T.W.PENTZ,C.TTATHAM,R.SPEARMAN,V.G.BENFORD) MAD DECENT	Diplo & Sleepy Tom	14	13
36	19	15	THE BUZZ (A.STUART,L.DUBBER,T.LEVINSON,J.SCOTT) ELEFANT TRAKS/NETWERK	Hermitude Feat. Big K.R.I.T., Mataya & Young Tapz	15	3
17	16	16	BANG MY HEAD (D.GUETTA,G.HUTINFORLE,ROMERO,VAN WATUM (D.GUETTA,G.HUTINFORLE,ROMERO,VAN WATUM,J.WHAT A MESS,PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	David Guetta Featuring Sia & Fetty Wap	12	7
19	15	17	MIDDLE (D.J.SNAKE,ALIAS (W.S.E.GRIGAHCINE,A.J.MARCHANT,A.L.KLEINSTUB) DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE	DJ Snake Featuring Bipolar Sunshine	10	6
14	17	18	OCEAN DRIVE (A.DYMENT,J.HRISTON,T.F.KWONG WAH ALLO,J.NORTON) BLASE BOYS CLUB/TURBO/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Duke Dumont	14	16
22	18	19	NEVER FORGET YOU (MNEK,ASTRONOMYY (U.OSISIOMA EMENIKE,A.DAVEY,Z.LARSSON) RECORD COMPANY TEV/EPIC	Zara Larsson & MNEK	18	9
25	27	20	BROKEN ARROWS (AVICII,C.FALK,A.POURNOURI (T.BERGLING,Z.BROWN,N.MOON,R.YACOB,C.FALK) PRMD/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Avicii	10	9
24	22	21	AUTOMATIC (ZHU (S.ZHU,S.SPARRA,A.DEWJI-FRANCIS,G.REID) MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA	ZHU x AlunaGeorge	21	10
20	20	22	EASY LOVE (SIGNALA (B.GORDY JR.,A.J.MIZELL,F.J.PERREN,D.RICHARDS) MINISTRY OF SOUND	Sigala	16	13
21	21	23	HERE FOR YOU (KYGO,E.HENDERSON) ULTRA/RCA	Kygo Featuring Ella Henderson	12	12
31	25	24	OLD THING BACK (MATOMA & THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. Feat. Ja Rule & Ralph Tresvant (T.STRAETE LAGERGREN (S.STRAETE LAGERGREN,C.WALLACE,S.COMBS,LATONIS,R.LILIS,N.A.GLOVER,J.KINGHTY,C.THOMSON) BAD BOY/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Matoma & The Notorious B.I.G. Feat. Ja Rule & Ralph Tresvant	24	17
37	29	25	RUN ON LOVE (L.NORDQVIST,TOVE LO (L.NORDQVIST,TOVE LO) RADICAL	Lucas Nord Featuring Tove Lo	25	4
26	26	26	UNTIL YOU WERE GONE (THE CHAINSMOKERS & TRITONAL Feat. Emily Warren (A.TAGGART,C.COSMEROS,D.REFE,E.WARREN,C.TAUSTIN,L.SCHARFF,A.WILLIAMS) DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers & Tritonal Feat. Emily Warren	26	10
27	30	27	COMING OVER (D.H.FRANCIS,KYGO (D.H.FRANCIS,KYGO,J.HERSEY) MAD DECENT/COLUMBIA	Dillon Francis & Kygo Feat. James Hersey	16	15
18	23	28	FLESH WITHOUT BLOOD (GRIMES (C.BOUCHER) 4AD/BEGGARS GROUP	Grimes	18	5
34	31	29	HIGHER PLACE (DIMITRI VEGAS,LIKE MIKE (S.C.SMITH) SMASH THE HOUSE/ONK/BEAT/COMPOUND ENTERTAINMENT/MOTOWN/CAPITOL	Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike Featuring Ne-Yo	29	4
23	24	30	INSOMNIA 2.0 (ROLLO,SISTER BLISS (MAXI JAZZ,ROLLO,SISTER BLISS) CHEEKY/RCA	Faithless	23	6
-	32	31	INDIAN SUMMER (JAI WOLF (S.SAHA) FOREIGN FAMILY COLLECTIVE	Jai Wolf	31	5
47	39	32	TAKE ME HIGHER (NYTRIX (NYTRIX) FROM BEYOND TOMORROW	Nytrix	32	3
-	44	33	SPIN SPIN SUGAR (SCOTTY BOY (L.HOWE,C.CORNER,I.PICKERING) CASA ROSSA	Scotty Boy Featuring Sue Cho	33	2
29	36	34	FOR A BETTER DAY (AVICII,A.EBERT (A.EBERT,T.BERGLING) PRMD/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Avicii	17	13
42	42	35	BAILAME (W.POLANCO,DAWIN (ALEX SENSATION,L.VEGUILLA MALAVE,O.R.BURRELL,G.ROSARIO) EONE	Alex Sensation Featuring Vandel & Shaggy	35	8
-	45	36	FREE.K (M.MAYEIDA (J.WHITE SHADOW (A.C.PEREZ,M.MAYEIDA,P.E.BLAIR,I.GARCIA,G.LINTON,R.WICOLLING,S.G.COOPER,E.HANES,L.MAVALENTINO) MR.305/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Pitbull	36	2
32	28	37	TAKE YOU OVER (ROCCSTAR (B.QUERETI,L.YOUNGBLOOD) ITHEBLEONAIRE	Bleona	28	6
35	38	38	DISARM YOU (KASKADE,N.MOTTE,F.BARNSON (R.RADDON,F.BARNSON,L.COLEMAN,L.JUBER,N.MOTTE) AUDIO ARKADE/WARNER BROS.	Kaskade Featuring Ilsey	15	18
41	41	39	YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE (DAVE AUDE Feat. Olivia Newton-John & Chloe Lattanzi (NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED) AUDACIOUS	Dave Aude Feat. Olivia Newton-John & Chloe Lattanzi	28	8
45	46	40	DEVIL (CASH CASH Feat. Busta Rhymes, B.o.B & Neon Hitch (L.P.MAKHLOUF,S.W.FRISCH,A.L.MAKHLOUF,N.HITCH,T.J.SMITH, JR.,B.R.SIMMONS, JR.) BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC/RRP	Cash Cash Feat. Busta Rhymes, B.o.B & Neon Hitch	28	16
HOT SHOT DEBUT		41	LIGHT IT UP (DIPLO,R.BLENDER (T.W.PENTZ,P.MECKSEPER,N.THORBOURNE,F-BABY,D.A.MALCOM,S.SWIFT) MAD DECENT	Major Lazer Featuring Nyla	41	1
49	48	42	FORBES (A.BORGORE,STYLES&COMPLETE (A.BORGORE,A.P.HAINS,A.STEINS,G.GILLUM) BURGORE & G-EAZY	Borgore & G-Eazy	42	6
43	40	43	NEW YORK CITY (THE CHAINSMOKERS (A.TAGGART,B.AMARADIO) DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers	29	5
28	37	44	WORKING FOR IT (ZHU (S.ZHU,S.MOORE,D.JONES,D.LOVE) MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA	ZHU x Skrillex x THEY	13	5
30	35	45	REALITI (GRIMES (C.BOUCHER) 4AD/BEGGARS GROUP	Grimes	30	3
39	34	46	HEAVEN (BEAUTIFUL LIFE) (S.HOLLANDER,G.MICHAELS (S.HOLLANDER,G.MICHAELS,A.PROAL,J.BERGREN,J.BALLARD) S-CURVE	Punch Inc.	34	4
NEW		47	NEVER LEAVE (NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED) SPINNIN'	DVBBS	47	1
38	49	48	LA JUNGLA (R.A.ROSARIO (R.A.ROSARIO,J.A.VELOZ JIMENEZ) CARRILLO	Ralphie Rosario Featuring Julissa Veloz	38	5
NEW		49	PLUR POLICE (NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED) EARTSTORM/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Knife Party	49	1
-		50	NOCTURNAL (DISCLOSURE (G.LAWRENCE,H.LAWRENCE,J.J.NAPIER,A.TESFAYE) METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL	Disclosure Featuring The Weeknd	16	7

TOP DANCE/ELECTRONIC ALBUMS™					
Last Week	This Week	Artist Imprint/Distributing Label	Title	Wks. On Chart	
NEW	1	#1 1WK YELLOW CLAW MAD DECENT	Blood For Mercy	1	
1	2	DISCLOSURE METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL	Caracal	9	
3	3	ODESZA FOREIGN FAMILY COLLECTIVE/COUNTER	In Return	65	
4	4	ALINA BARAZ & GALIMATIAS ULTRA	Urban Flora (EP)	28	
5	5	MAJOR LAZER MAD DECENT	Peace Is The Mission	26	
6	6	THE CHAINSMOKERS DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	Bouquet (EP)	5	
2	7	ONEOHTRIX POINT NEVER WARP	Garden Of Delete	2	
NEW	8	CRYWOLF OKAMI	Cataclasm	1	
NEW	9	ARCA MUTE	Mutant	1	
16	10	SOUNDTRACK INTERSCOPE/IGA	We Are Your Friends	6	
NEW	11	GTA THREE SIX ZERO/WARNER BROS.	D.T.G. V.2: Death To Genres (EP)	1	
12	12	AVICII PRMD/ISLAND	Stories	8	
9	13	SKRILLEX & DIPLO MAD DECENT/OWSLA/AG	Skrillex And Diplo Present Jack U	40	
NEW	14	CONJURE ONE ARMADA	Holoscenic	1	
11	15	JAMIE XX YOUNG TURKS	In Colour	26	
18	16	PURITY RING 4AD	Another Eternity	39	
RE	17	FKA TWIGS YOUNG TURKS	LP1	61	
10	18	CAPITAL KINGS GOTEE/PLG	II	8	
7	19	FLOATING POINTS PLUTO/LUAKA BOP	Elaenia	3	
13	20	ST GERMAIN PARLOPHONE/PRIMARY SOCIETY/NONESUCH/WARNER BROS.	St Germain	7	
15	21	VARIOUS ARTISTS MONSTERCAT	Monstercat 024: Vanguard	4	
23	22	CALVIN HARRIS FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	Motion	55	
24	23	ZEDD INTERSCOPE/IGA	True Colors	27	
NEW	24	FLOSSTRADAMUS ULTRA	Hdynation Radio	1	
RE	25	VARIOUS ARTISTS UNIVERSAL/SONY MUSIC/LEGACY	NOW That's What I Call Party Anthems 2	62	

DANCE/MIX SHOW AIRPLAY™					
Last Week	This Week	Title Imprint/Promotion Label	Artist	Wks. On Chart	
3	1	#1 1WK GG HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	4	
2	2	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	13	
1	3	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	12	
8	4	SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	5	
6	5	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	9	
9	6	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Ellie Goulding	8	
7	7	HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	Calvin Harris & Disciples	19	
10	8	ROSES DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	The Chainsmokers Featuring ROZES	9	
5	9	OCEAN DRIVE BLASE BOYS CLUB/TURBO/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Duke Dumont	14	
11	10	CRASH 2.0 KEMOSABE/KINDERGARTEN/BMG	Adventure Club vs Dallask	12	
4	11	SOMETHING BETTER ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	Audien Feat. Lady Antebellum	20	
15	12	SAME OLD LOVE INTERSCOPE	Selena Gomez	6	
19	13	LAY IT ALL ON ME MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran	6	
12	14	DISARM YOU AUDIO ARKADE/WARNER BROS.	Kaskade Featuring Ilsey	16	
13	15	BE RIGHT THERE MAD DECENT	Diplo & Sleepy Tom	9	
20	16	GHOSTS ECLYPSE/WIND-UP	Feenixpawl Feat. Melissa Ramsay	10	
16	17	STITCHES ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes	11	
21	18	AUTOMATIC MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA	ZHU x AlunaGeorge	8	
17	19	ZERO GRAVITY SPINNIN'	Borgeous Feat. LIGHTS	12	
18	20	THE HILLS XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	12	
22	21	HERE EP/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	6	
28	22	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	6	
24	23	FOCUS REPUBLIC	Ariana Grande	4	
23	24	L'AMOUR TOUJOURS MUSICAL FREEDOM	Dzeko & Torres Feat. Delaney Jane	5	
25	25	PEANUT BUTTER JELLY BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	Galantis	18	



Jonas Hits Highest ‘Levels’

Nick Jonas (above) jumps to No. 1 on Dance Club Songs for the third time with “Levels” (2-1), matching **Madonna** as the only artists with three leaders on the list in 2015. Previously, the former **Jonas Brothers** member reigned with “Jealous” (Jan. 10) and “Chains” (May 23). “Levels” leaps to the top thanks to remixes from **Steven Redant**, **Alex Ghenea** and **Jump Smokers**, among others. **Adele** ascends to No. 1 on Dance/Mix Show Airplay, marking the superstar’s first trip to the top of any *Billboard* dance chart (3-1). The song hits the apex in just its fourth week, completing the fastest coronation since **David Guetta**’s “Without You” (featuring **Usher**), which took four weeks in 2011. “Hello” also vaults 14-6 on Dance Club Songs, where it becomes Adele’s highest-charting hit, besting “Skyfall,” which reached No. 10 in 2013. A ballad in its original form, “Hello” — atop the *Billboard* Hot 100 for a fifth week (see page 5) — is drawing dance radio and club play courtesy of remixes from **Dash Berlin**, **Paul Damixie**, **Pink Panda**, **Mike D** and others. On Hot Dance/Electronic Songs, **Pitbull** pushes 45-36 with “Free.K,” his first entry as a lead soloist since “Feel This Moment” (featuring **Christina Aguilera**), which ruled for two weeks in spring 2013. The new retro house track incorporates a sample from **Adina Howard**’s “Freak Like Me,” which rose to No. 2 on the Hot 100 and Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs in 1995. “Free.K” is rumored to be from Pitbull’s next studio album. —Gordon Murray

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DANCE CLUB SONGS™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS. ON CHART	
2	1	#1 NEW LEVELS SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Nick Jonas	7	
4	2	GG CONFIDENT SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	Demi Lovato	5	
5	3	RUN ON LOVE RADICAL	Lucas Nord Feat. Tove Lo	8	
6	4	AUTOMATIC MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA	ZHU x AlunaGeorge	7	
1	5	INSOMNIA 2.0 CHEEKY/RCA	Faithless	9	
14	6	HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	3	
10	7	TAKE ME HIGHER FROM BEYOND TOMORROW	Nytrix	8	
13	8	SPIN SPIN SUGAR CASA ROSSA	Scotty Boy Feat. Sue Cho	6	
9	9	BOOMERANG SAFFRON	Emin Feat. Nile Rodgers	8	
8	10	OCEAN DRIVE BLASE BOYS CLUB/TURBO/ASTRALWERKS/CAPTOL	Duke Dumont	8	
16	11	LOVE MYSELF REPUBLIC	Hailee Steinfeld	5	
19	12	SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	3	
3	13	TAKE YOU OVER ITHEBLEONAIRE	Bleona	11	
18	14	HIGHER PLACE SMASH THE HOUSE/CNR/3BEAT/COMPOUND ENTERTAINMENT/MOTOWN/CAPTOL	Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike Feat. Ne-Yo	6	
22	15	TIL IT HAPPENS TO YOU STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE	Lady Gaga	3	
11	16	YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE AUDACIOUS	Dave Audé Feat. Olivia Newton-John & Chloe Lattanzi	12	
23	17	CARRY ON DARE TO CARE/CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Cœur de Pirate	6	
7	18	HEAVEN (BEAUTIFUL LIFE) S-CURVE	Punch Inc.	9	
15	19	LA JUNGLA CARRILLO	Ralphí Rosario Feat. Julissa Veloz	9	
27	20	NEVER LEAVE SPINNIN'	DVBBS	5	
24	21	LOVE FALLS OVER ME DEF JAM	Tamia	6	
34	22	BELIEVE TREEHOUSE TRIBE	Chaos Feat. Ce Ce Peniston	4	
29	23	TIME TO MOVE ON SWEET FEET	Sweet Feet Music & Mary Wilson	4	
17	24	HIGH OFF MY LOVE CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Paris Hilton	11	
32	25	DON'T SAY YOU LOVE ME KEE	B. Howard	4	
39	26	SHOUT IT OUT LOUD GROOVILICIOUS	Robin S & DJ Escape	2	
20	27	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	12	
28	28	A HIGHER HIGH BLAKK SUITE	Nathalie Archangel	7	
12	29	SYNERGY 418	Sted-E, Hybrid Heights & Crystal Waters	13	
31	30	60'CLOCK IN THE MORNING SEIZE THE DAY	Assia Ahhatt Feat. Chris Cox	7	
26	31	THUNDER DEF JAM	Leona Lewis	10	
47	32	WHEN LOVE HURTS 300/ATLANTIC	JoJo	2	
40	33	BOYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN GOSTOCK	Laura Leighe	3	
35	34	BOYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN THBREAKCO	Team Heart Break	8	
37	35	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	4	
41	36	FALL 4 U N.A.T.	Natali Yura	3	
33	37	27 CLUB CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Ivy Levan	10	
38	38	POWERFUL MAD DECENT/INTERSCOPE	Major Lazer Feat. Ellie Goulding & Tarrus Riley	6	
36	39	HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE FLY EYE/COLUMBIA	Calvin Harris & Disciples	17	
HOT SHOT DEBUT	40	THIS IS THE LOVE REFORMATION/RHINO/WARNER BROS.	Spandau Ballet	1	
43	41	THE HILLS XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	4	
48	42	CLOSE TO YOUR LOVE AFTERCLUB/UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO	Atellagali Feat. Amanda Renee	2	
25	43	SO F**KIN' ROMANTIC RCA	Matthew Koma	11	
45	44	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	2	
50	45	WON'T LET GO GLOBAL GROOVE	Timing Is Everything Feat. Dominic King	2	
NEW	46	TO THE TOP TVI	Tony Valor Feat. Li Na	1	
46	47	UH HUH ROC NATION/DEF JAM	Romans	2	
21	48	TRUST YOU EMBLEM/ATLANTIC	Rob Thomas	12	
NEW	49	AGE OF INNOCENCE ZOO	Elephante Feat. Trouze & Damon Sharpe	1	
30	50	FORGET TO BREATHE 617	Joe Bermudez Feat. Natasha Anderson	12	

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- Bullets indicate titles with greatest weekly gains.
- Album Charts
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 - ▲ RIAA certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 1 million units (Platinum). Numeral noted with Platinum symbol indicates album's multi-platinum level.
 - ◆ RIAA certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 10 million units (Diamond). Numeral noted with Diamond symbol indicates album's multi-platinum level.
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 - △ Latin albums certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 60,000 units (Platino). Numeral noted with Platino symbol indicates album's multiplatinum level.

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	GROSS PER TICKET PRICE(S)	ARTIST VENUE DATE	ATTENDANCE CAPACITY	PROMOTER
1	\$2,609,276 \$495/\$179/\$94/\$54	BRITNEY SPEARS THE AXIS AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD, LAS VEGAS NOV. 11, 13-14, 18, 20-21	19,514 24,958 SIX SHOWS	CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE NATION
2	\$942,760 \$70/\$65	HARDWELL, KILL THE BUZZ BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO NOV. 13-14	14,496 TWO SELLOUTS	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT
3	\$751,560 (\$487,200) \$38.57	KEVIN BRIDGES EVENTIM APOLLO, LONDON SEPT. 14-19	19,488 19,966 SIX SHOWS	OFF THE KERB PRODUCTIONS
4	\$750,012 (\$721,789 FRANCES) \$78.96/\$63.25	STATUS QUO, XII GALLON OVERDOSE HALLENSTADION, ZÜRICH SEPT. 12	11,440 13,000	ABC PRODUCTION
5	\$749,151 (\$728,040 FRANCES) \$94.56/\$79.13	EROS RAMAZZOTTI HALLENSTADION, ZÜRICH OCT. 5	9,260 13,000	ABC PRODUCTION
6	\$747,953 \$66.25/\$56.25	ED SHEERAN AMALIE ARENA, TAMPA SEPT. 10	12,598 SELLOUT	THE MESSINA GROUP/AEG LIVE
7	\$742,753 \$165/\$49.50	STEVIE WONDER PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK, N.J. OCT. 14	10,183 10,722	LIVE NATION
8	\$736,342 \$127/\$33	JANET JACKSON AMWAY CENTER, ORLANDO SEPT. 23	8,906 9,067	LIVE NATION
9	\$733,305 (\$16,721,000 PESOS) \$97.92/\$29.45	SLIPKNOT, SEPULTURA MOVISTAR ARENA, SANTIAGO, CHILE SEPT. 30	12,046 15,803	T4F-TIME FOR FUN
10	\$727,070 \$65.50/\$25.50	LUKE BRYAN, RANDY HOUSER, DUSTIN LYNCH PNC MUSIC PAVILION, CHARLOTTE SEPT. 24	18,489 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
11	\$726,365 (\$660,266) \$41.80/\$33	OSCAR AND THE WOLF SPORTPALEIS, ANTWERP, BELGIUM OCT. 31	19,140 20,492	LIVE NATION
12	\$725,391 \$136/\$46	SHANIA TWAIN, GAVIN DEGRAW FIRST NIAGARA CENTER, BUFFALO, N.Y. OCT. 3	9,468 10,443	AEG LIVE
13	\$723,490 \$90/\$85	DAVE MATTHEWS BAND LAKE TAHOE OUTDOOR ARENA AT HARVEYS, STATELINE, NEV. SEPT. 9	9,102 SELLOUT	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT
14	\$713,429 (\$11,854,832 PESOS) \$50.71	JOAN MANUEL SERRAT AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY OCT. 9-10	14,068 19,040 TWO SHOWS	ERREELE PRODUCCIONES
15	\$711,698 \$65.50/\$25.50	JASON ALDEAN, COLE SWINDELL, TYLER FARR MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION AMPHITHEATRE, TAMPA OCT. 23	18,215 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
16	\$703,382 (\$11,532,585 PESOS) \$41.55	FESTIVAL COORDENADA: BLUR, CAFÉ TACVBA & OTHERS PARQUE TRASLOMA, GUADALAJARA, MEXICO OCT. 17	16,930 23,500	OCESA-CIE
17	\$698,347 (\$72,713,000 PESOS) \$82.73/\$36.93	ULTRA MUSIC FESTIVAL: AXWELL & INGROSSO & OTHERS CIUDAD EMPRESARIAL, SANTIAGO, CHILE OCT. 10	12,796 20,000	T4F-TIME FOR FUN
18	\$697,222 \$136/\$46	SHANIA TWAIN, GAVIN DEGRAW NATIONWIDE ARENA, COLUMBUS, OHIO SEPT. 30	8,667 10,541	AEG LIVE
19	\$696,558 \$69.75/\$39.75	LUKE BRYAN, RANDY HOUSER, DUSTIN LYNCH VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA, JACKSONVILLE SEPT. 17	10,778 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
20	\$692,208 (\$629,205) \$132.02/\$49.51	SIMPLY RED BARCLAYCARD ARENA, HAMBURG NOV. 2	11,537 12,269	KPS CONCERTBÜRO
21	\$691,424 (\$11,356,631 PESOS) \$86.45/\$28	BLUR, HELLO SEAHORSE! PALACIO DE LOS DEPORTES, MEXICO CITY OCT. 15	15,522 18,449	OCESA-CIE
22	\$690,524 \$99/\$50	DEAD & COMPANY BRIDGESTONE ARENA, NASHVILLE NOV. 18	10,082 11,760	LIVE NATION
23	\$689,678 (\$938,516 AUSTRALIAN) \$183.72/\$72.02	KISS, DEAD DAISIES BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA OCT. 13	7,286 7,525	ONE WORLD ENTERTAINMENT
24	\$689,610 \$126.25/\$46.25	JANET JACKSON AMALIE ARENA, TAMPA SEPT. 24	7,702 8,811	LIVE NATION
25	\$679,675 \$95/\$55	R. KELLY, DEMETRIA MCKINNEY VERIZON CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPT. 26	8,137 8,865	THE COMMISSION PRESENTS
26	\$675,992 \$85/\$20	TOBY KEITH, ELI YOUNG BAND, CHRIS JANSON FIRST NIAGARA PAVILION, BURGETTSTOWN, PA. SEPT. 26	19,601 22,336	LIVE NATION
27	\$671,220 \$171.50/\$121.50/ \$75.50/\$35.50	JOSH GROBAN CHICAGO THEATRE, CHICAGO OCT. 16-17	7,066 TWO SELLOUTS	LIVE NATION
28	\$666,552 \$69.50/\$20	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER, HEY VIOLET JIFFY LUBE LIVE, BRISTOW, VA. SEPT. 6	13,141 22,368	LIVE NATION
29	\$666,076 \$64.75/\$34.15	LADY ANTEBELLUM, HUNTER HAYES, SAM HUNT BRIDGESTONE ARENA, NASHVILLE SEPT. 11	15,032 SELLOUT	LIVE NATION
30	\$664,071 (\$433,532) \$45.19	FALL OUT BOY, PROFESSOR GREEN MANCHESTER ARENA, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND OCT. 9	14,696 15,618	SJM CONCERTS
31	\$661,535 (\$610,593) \$62.30/\$41.17	ANDREAS GABALIER, BIUMA MERCEDES-BENZ ARENA, BERLIN NOV. 7	13,122 SELLOUT	CONCERT CONCEPT, HERTLEIN VERANSTALTUNGS
32	\$659,428 \$136/\$46	SHANIA TWAIN, GAVIN DEGRAW MODA CENTER, PORTLAND SEPT. 13	6,908 8,256	AEG LIVE
33	\$659,213 (\$884,090 CANADIAN) \$115.57/\$37.28	STEVIE WONDER BELL CENTRE, MONTREAL SEPT. 30	7,732 8,313	EVENKO, LIVE NATION
34	\$658,984 \$199.50/\$69.50	MARCO ANTONIO SOLÍS MICROSOFT THEATER, LOS ANGELES SEPT. 25	6,519 SELLOUT	GOLDENVOICE/AEG LIVE
35	\$658,752 \$155/\$25	BLUR, COURTNEY BARNETT HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES OCT. 20	8,419 17,524	ANDREW HEWITT CO., BILL SILVA PRESENTS



Britney's Piece Crowns Boxscore

Britney Spears takes No. 1 on the latest Boxscore ranking with \$2.6 million in box-office revenue earned from six performances of her *Piece of Me* residency at Planet Hollywood Casino in Las Vegas. The concerts capped off an 18-show stint in October and November that drew more than 55,000 fans to the casino's Axis theater.

The fall run (Oct. 14 to Nov. 21) was the production's fourth leg since the beginning of the year. She kicked off her 2015 schedule on Jan. 28 with a 19-show run during the first quarter. Thirteen more concerts followed in April and May, and a late-summer slate of 17 shows began in early August. Altogether this year she has performed 67 concerts at the Axis for 214,756 fans, with ticket sales totaling \$29.2 million.

Since Spears launched *Piece of Me* almost two years ago, she has played 129 shows, drawing a total of 467,042 fans. The residency has grossed \$67.8 million so far since the Dec. 27, 2013 opener, but there is more to come. A six-show New Year's Eve run kicks off in late December, and more dates will follow in 2016.

Janet Jackson also hits the chart, landing two concerts from her Unbreakable Tour that began at the end of August. Both are from September appearances at arenas in Florida during her tour's opening leg through North America. Orlando's Amway Center hosted the veteran pop star on Sept. 23, earning the No. 8 ranking with \$736,342 in sales. Following at No. 24 is her concert the following evening at Amalie Arena in Tampa.

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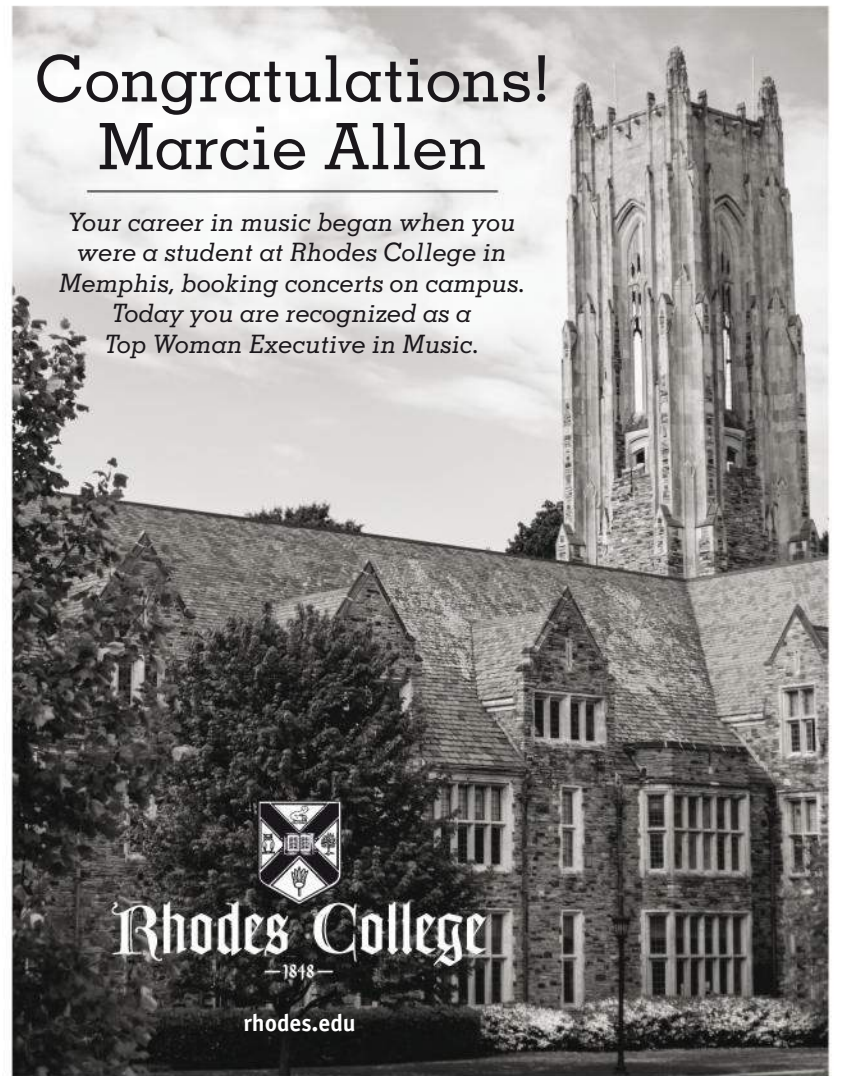


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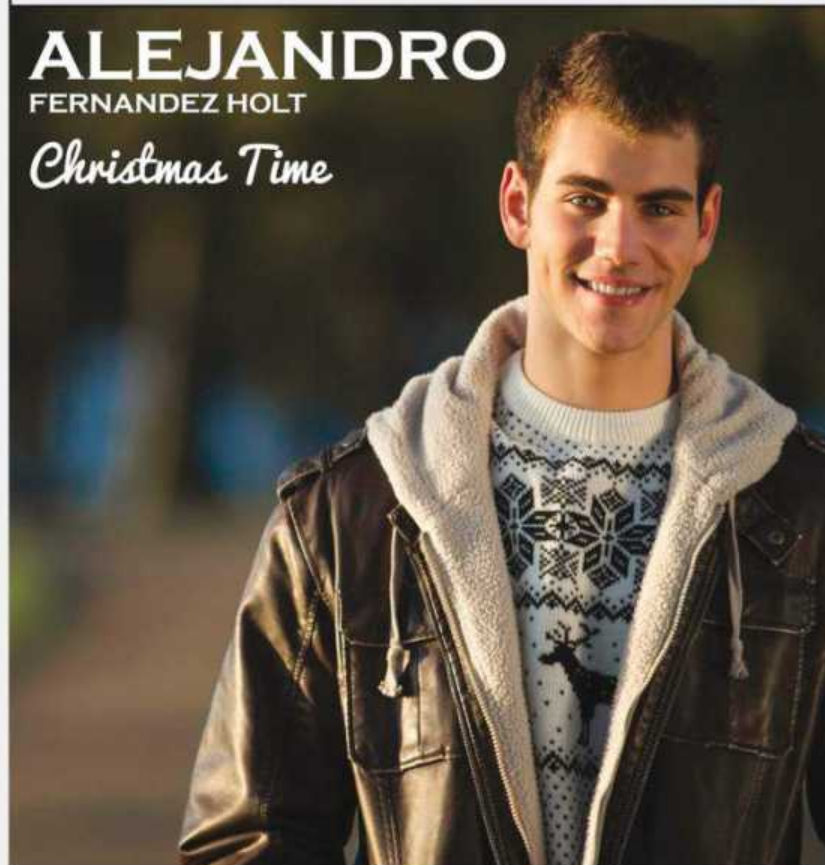


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28 Years Ago BELINDA CARLISLE'S 'HEAVEN' ASCENDED

The Go-Go's lead singer went solo and topped the Billboard Hot 100 with a little help from a Diane Keaton-directed music video

BY 1987, BELINDA CARLISLE HAD become a chart mainstay: Five years earlier, her Los Angeles pop-punk band The Go-Go's became the first all-female group to top the Billboard 200 when its debut album spent six weeks at No. 1 in 1982. That same year, the quintet followed up with the top 10 LP *Vacation* and, in 1984, the top 20 *Talk Show*.

They also scored five top 40 Billboard Hot 100 hits, including “Our Lips Are Sealed” and “We Got the Beat.”

The Go-Go's went on hiatus after *Talk Show*, but Carlisle didn't slow down. Her 1986 debut solo LP, *Belinda*, reached No. 13 on the Billboard 200 and spawned a No. 3 Hot 100 hit, "Mad About You." It wasn't until the end of

the following year that Carlisle, then 29, made her first solo trip to the top of the Hot 100 with “Heaven Is a Place on Earth,” which crowned the Dec. 5, 1987 chart. The song’s popularity was helped by an artsy music video directed by actress Diane Keaton that featured women in bandit masks holding illuminated globes.

Carlisle, now 57, is prepping her eighth album and continues to tour solo and with The Go-Go's (having overcome drug addiction, which she chronicled in her 2011 biography *Lips Unsealed*). "It's surreal for a Valley Girl to go from working as a secretary to hitting the top of the charts," she told *Billboard* in 2013. "It still makes me smile to think about it now." —GARY TRUST

Carlisle at home in Los Angeles, circa 1986.

Compiled from a national sample of retail store and one-stop sales reports and radio playlists.					ARTIST
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				★ ★ No. 1 ★ ★ 1 week at No. One	◆ BELINDA CARLISLE MCA 133481
①	2	3	11	HEAVEN IS A PLACE ON EARTH B. KOWELL (B. KOWELL, L. SHIPLEY)	◆ BILL MEDLEY & JENNIFER WARREN MCA 5274
2	1	2	11	(I'VE HAD) THE TIME OF MY LIFE M. LOYD (P. FREY, J. DONICOLA, D. MARKOWITZ)	◆ GEORGE MICHAEL COLUMBIA 38-07671
③	5	10	7	FAITH G. MICHAEL (G. MICHAEL)	◆ RICHARD MARX EAGLE-MAN-ALIAN 50057
④	4	7	11	SHOULDN'T BE KNOWN BETTER H. GATICA (J. MARIN)	◆ WHITESNAKE GEPFEN 7-29233
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